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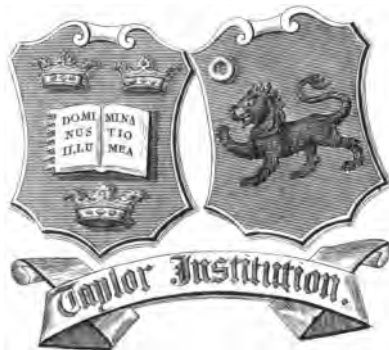
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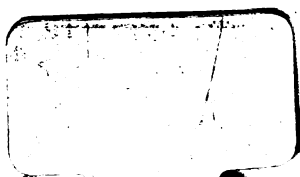
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TO

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 REGISTRY OF THE COURT OF PROBATE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

MY DEAR SIR,

You will remember how the Wills in this little volume came to be copied.

You had, and have, in the Probate Court those twenty-eight Boxes of *Inventories* of Testators' goods which the Executors and Administrators of our Forefathers were bound to exhibit to the former Officers of the Archbp. of Canterbury. Among these Inventories we Shakspeareans always hoped to find those of SHAKSPERE and his fellows, and all other Worthies of the great Eliza's reign. And since I first saw the Boxes and their contents at Doctors' Commons some dozen years ago, I always meant to have a turn at them. Opportunity at length being favourable, I got leave in the spring of 1881, from the kind and enlightend Judge and Chief of your Court, Sir James Hannen, to test these Inventories, and see whether Shakspeare's was likely to be among them. If it was, I intended to get money from the Treasury or by subscription, for making and printing a Calendar of these documents.

The Inventories could of course only be handled by an Officer of the Probate Court; and on you was put the dusty,

dirty, and tiresome job of diving into, and picking out from, all parts of the twenty-eight Boxes, samples of the little and big roldd-up Inventories that each contained; then unrolling them, and showing them to me. The work lasted for four months.

The kindness and patience that you exhibited in this wearisome and annoying task,—which yielded such a poor result,<sup>1</sup>—and the knowledge of men, of places, and things which you displayd, won my warm admiration and gratitude.

You laid me under further obligation by telling me all the earliest English Wills in the Registry, of which you had long before made a list, in the faith that I, or some grubber of like kind, would turn up and ask where he should go to work.

Whenever, then, you were prevented, by other official calls and attending to other searchers, from unrolling dirty little bundles of Inventories for me, I—with your help in difficult bits—copied the Wills you told me of; and here they are in print, dedicated, by Sir James Hannen's leave,<sup>2</sup> to you, an Officer of whom he and his whole Court may well be proud. I but speak the opinion of the late Colonel Chester—the best authority in the world—as well as of every other frequenter of your Room, when I say that you are an admirable Head of your Department, courteous, helpful, learned, and efficient.

Would that I could say that Department was in a state worthy of you, your Chief, Sir James, and the Royal Court of Probate of England.

You have in that Court, Wills needful for the family and

<sup>1</sup> About 3 per cent. of the Inventories were of the 15th and 16th centuries; the rest were all after 1660. Not one of Shakspeare's time turnd up, tho' that of his granddaughter's surviving husband, Sir John Barnard, was found. I've printed it for the New Shakspeare Society.

<sup>2</sup> He will not of course see this Dedication till a copy of this little volume is sent him.

social history of England. There are many men and women wishing to work at them. What does the Treasury give you for the purpose? One underground and badly-lighted room in which only 6 folk can work at once. The consequence is, that, with your many applicants, you can often give a worker only 3 or 2 days a week for his work, and he cannot go regularly in for it.

The Manuscript room at the British Museum is bad enough; but your Enquiry room is far worse. If only Sir James had the old power of torture, and could apply thumb-screws or racks to all the Lords of the Treasury—I'd let the First Lord off, tho—he would soon set matters to rights, and give you a room worthy of your Department and his Court. But the Museum is now building a proper MS. room. And so I trust the Treasury will speedily follow suit at Somerset House; put you up a handsome Library for your workers, make you a Keeper, with the Museum-Keepers' salary, and then let you compile and print a Catalog of the Inventories.<sup>1</sup>

Again thanking you heartily for your help and kindness, and wishing you happiness and health,

I am, Very truly yours,

F. J. FURNIVALL.

*3, St. George's Square, Primrose Hill, N.W.  
December 4, 1882.*

<sup>1</sup> There are of course no end of other Wills and Documents in the Registry that need calendaring or cataloging. The Treasury is in no way alive to the urgent wants of this Office or the Record Office.

## FOREWORDS.

BOTH for the Life and Language of our old-time folk, their Wills hav always been acknowledgd as most worthful. They let you into the state of every home. They uze words not found in books. Since our Society first started, I always hoped that some one would copy and edit us a volume of Wills ; but as no one offerd, and as I got a chance of transcribing one in the spring of 1881,—under the circumstances stated in the Dedication abuv,—I took it, in order to hav a volume wherewith a gap in the Society's issues could be fild up when need should be. The need came this autumn, and here the little Text is.

It will probably disappoint the reader, who looks, as I did, for Inventories as parts of Wills, and for long lists of traders' goods, students' MSS, and the like. I can't claim that in this regard my short volume is up to any of the Surtees or the Camden Bury ones, or possibly Mr. H. W. King's series of Essex Wills and Inventories of Church goods, in his county Archæological Society's Transactions, of which my kind helper, Mr. J. H. Round, tells me. But at any rate, for us Londoners ther ar details of much worth ; ther is Shakspeare's *Mermaid* tavern (p. 78, l. 19) and (in a note of a Latin will given me by Mr. Challenor Smith, p. 136) ther is the first known bequest (A.D. 1420) of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*.<sup>1</sup> These make up for a good many plows, plums, ribbons and tapes. The volume also contains the first known notice of wher the Chapel of our Lady and St. Nicholas was situate in old St. Paul's (p. 132), and has of course many items as to old London churches, streets, signs and men, which will interest the City topografters.

In Persons, it ranges from the Countess of Warwick, the King-maker's mother-in-law, to a Wax-chandler's servant and many a

<sup>1</sup> Perhaps of his *Boece* too. His *The Pore Caitiff*, a Wycliffite book, is bequeathd on p. 50, l. 18 ; 'Jankyn Clerk' is at 39/6 ; his 'Koke of London' at 94/11.

poorer man. In Property, it stretches from the entail of large landed estates on sons, to a portion of one bullock for a daughter (98/11, 12), or to the gift of one sheet, or a towel-roller, an egg-gridiron or an old brass pot (102/5, 6), to a legatee.

Of two things, more appears in the Wills than I had expected, namely, silver plate,<sup>1</sup> and furd gowns; for the latter, polecats, martins, genets, wild cats, beaver, otter, and lamb, were preest into the service. Of Armour there is less than I'd lookt for.

But the most surprizing and regrettable thing in these Wills is the amount of money shown to hav been wasted in vain prayers, or orders for them. Fancy one man ordering a Million Masses to be said for his soul; another 10,000; another 4,400; another sending Pilgrims to Spain, Rome, Jerusalem, &c. for the good of his soul! I only hope some sensible Executors handed over the money to the Testators' wives and children, or the poor.

When just thru the proofs of this volume, it so happend that the Master and Fellows of Emmanuel lent me their unique copy of Phillip Stubbes's *Motive to Good Workes*,<sup>2</sup> 1593; (I'd reprinted in September his *Display of Corruptions*, 1583<sup>3</sup>;) and on opening it, came a passage which well showd the change of opinion on this Mass and Dead-prayers business in his day:—

(p. 120) "The Papists also holde it to be a work of vnspeakable merit, for a man or woman, eyther before they dye, or else at their death, to giue the greatest (p. 121) part of their goods & lands (the more, the more merite) to popish priestes, (though in the meane time, theyr wife, children, and whole familyes goe a begging all theyr lyfe long,) to Monkes, and Fryers, with the rest of that filthie generation, to the ende they may pray for them when they are dead, to saie masses, trentalls, diriges, *de profundis*, Ladies psalters, and I can not tell what riffe raffe else for

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<sup>1</sup> See the references in the *List of Words*; and the Acorn spoons, instead of Apostile ones.

<sup>2</sup> A / Motive To / Good Workes. / Or rather, / To true Christianitie indeede. / Wherein By The / waie is shewed, how farre wee are behinde, / no: onely our fore-fathers in good workes, / but also many other creatures in the endes of / our creation: with the difference betwixt / the pretended good workes of the Antichri- / stian Papist, and the good workes / of the Christian Pro- / testant / By Phillip Stubbes, Gentleman / Mathew .5. verse 16. / Let your light so shine before men, that they / may see your workes, and glorifie your fa- / ther which is in heauen. / London, / Printed for Thomas Man, dwelling in / Pater Noster rowe, at the signe / of the Talbot. 1593. / A—O in 8s.

<sup>3</sup> For the New Shakspeare Society, to follow Part I of Stubbes's *Anatomic of Abuses*, of which it is Part II.

them: bearing them in hand, that their soules & the soules of al their friends, parents, kindred, and aliance, shall not onely bee releued, but also cleereley delyuered thereby out of the paines of purgatorie, which otherwise shoulde lye there broiling in fire flames seauen yeeeres for euerie sinne that euer they committed in this life, either in thought, word, or deed. Which if it were true, (as it is most false and blasphemous) I could not blame men, though they gaue all they had, and more too, to (p. 122) the Priests. But alas, who seeth not the vanitie of this fonde opinion of Purgatorie? If Masses, Diriges, trentals, de *profundis*, Ladies psalters, and such pelting trash, could redeeme vs from paine and punishment after this life, and place our soules in ioye and blisse, I praie you then what is left to the bloud of Christ to doo for vs? iust nothing at all. And why died Christ, if we might haue bene redeemed by corruptible money, lands, or possessions, as the Apostles, Saint *Pauls* and Saint *Peter* doe reason? What can be more derogatorie to the death of Christ, and the efficacie of his bloud, than this? You were not redeemed, (sayth *Paul*) from your sinnes, neither by golde nor siluer, but by the precious bloud of that immaculate lambe Iesus Christ. And doeth not the apostle *Iohn* thunder out vnto us, 'The bloude of Iesus Christ doeth cleanse vs from all sinne. And as for (p. 123) the ridiculous opinion of purgatory, it is so foolish a thing, that I am ashamed to bestow anie labour in confuting of it, as hauing indeede neyther ground out of the word of God (no, nor so much as one sillable sounding that waie) nor anie approued or autentike writer, excepte out of such apocryphas, as *Ouid*, *Virgil*, and other heathen Poets. And yet for all that, the Papists haue gayned as much, (I suppose) by the broching of this frai-bugge, or scar-crow Purgatorie, since it was first hatched, as all christendome is worth besides." (See also the next 2 or 3 pagea.)

Now, a good many of us think of some of Stubbes's doctrines about what he did of the Papists'. And so the world wags.

Well: the gifts to mend bad roads and bridges, to help poor girls to marriage, and to feed and clothe the poor,<sup>1</sup> no one will quarrel with.

The Land-wills ar interesting; as showing how all the land of the kingdom was in the hands of Trustees, feoffees, to whom every buyer had his land conveyd—either solely, or jointly with himself,—to evade the rights of forfeiture, wardship, &c. of feudal lords. These feoffees (see *List of Words*) ar constantly payd to do their duty to the Testator, and carry out his Will, either by entailing his land on his sons, or conveying it to such folk as his Executors sell it to.<sup>2</sup> Executors ar likewise entreated to be faithful, as if

<sup>1</sup> See the words Bake, Blind, Bread, Brew, Clothes, Poor, &c., in the List below.

<sup>2</sup> It was perhaps from this connection with land, that a Seal was set to all important Wills as if they were Deeds. Also, that one Will is cald an 'Endenture' (46/5), another a 'bok' (24/10) and so on.

they'd answer for their acts on the Day of Doom. And that this injunction was often needed in early days, may be gathered from the old saying, "Three Executors make three Thieves." Cheery old Robert of Brunne—enlarging his original, William of Waddington—denounces them soundly in some 300 lines in his *Handlyng Synne*:<sup>1</sup> see my edition, p. 195—199.

It's plezant to see Testators anxious to make amends for all possible wrongdoing, and to watch the owners of horses bequeathing em by name: 'grey Butler, grey Manley' (53/9) show that a man cared for his four-footed friends. But no dog is namd in any Will. Servants often are, both men and women; and in one case a Nun is left money for looking after a testator in his sickness (54/2). One Wife is cald her husband's most trusty friend (48/21); another has all his property left to her (Walter Newent's, p. 83); but in other cases, testators don't seem quite comfortable about their widows' future (p. 122, p. 33-4, 40). The solemn Vow of Chastity which Widows sometimes took in presence of the Bishop and Congregation, being endued with Ring and Mantle (60/8, 25; p. 135), was new to me. Several Testators had the good sense to order plain funerals, and to recognize that Pomp was a vanity that didn't help their souls (23/22; 49/11; 8/12; 131/2).

As to all the other subjects of bequest, are they not entered in the List of Words and Subjects which follows that of Proper Names and Places?<sup>2</sup> Let the curious reader look them up. (Among names he'll find a real 'John of Nokys,' 111/19.)

1 Ryche men gadere ryche tre- sours	6236	* * *	Of allē fals þat beryn name	6259
To make with ryche executours.			Fals executours are most to blame.	
þe whyles þe executours sekke, [ <i>glost</i> fyl þe bag]			þe Pope of þe courte of Rome,	
Of the soulē þey ne rekke			Ayens hem ȝyf þe hardē dome,	
The body, whyl hyt on bere lys,			And curseþ hem yn cherchys here,	
A day or two ys holde yn prys; 6240			Fourē tymēs yn þe ȝere.	6264
But when hyt ys yn erþē broght,		* * *	Executur þat wyl nat do	6367
Body ne soulē gete ryȝt noght:			As þe dede ordeyned to,	
Be he broght nobly to hys pyt,			he shal haue enyl endyng	
Dette and soule þey þynke all quyt.	6244		þat so wyphalt þe dedēs þyng	6370

<sup>2</sup> I can't guarantee in these, that *u* and *n*, *f* and *s*, have not been sometimes printed for one another. They are often difficult to distinguish. Expansions



In the way of Language, there is this drawback to the present volume. As all the old Anglo-Saxon Charters were copied in the King's writing-den, and thus their dialect got altered, so these Wills must have all been copied in London, and their dialect more or less spoilt. Still, some do keep strong dialectal marks. *De, dey*<sup>1</sup> for 'the, they,' *bun* be, *tho* to, *ayder* either, *til* to, *quan* when, *quiche* which, *pis es* these are, *as* as, *zeift* given, *volle* (Devon), full, *deliuery* deliver, *hought* owd, *schal* shall, *chete* sheet, *chippe* ship, *sholde* sold (22/31), *here* year, *yerth* earth, *zhely* yearly, &c. &c., will be useful to Morris, Skeat, Sweet, and other dialect-workers. The 'ryte heires' of 18/7 goes, with other like words elsewhere, to show that the guttural *gh* was not sounded as the fonetists would hav us believ. One of the oddest spellings I've noted, is *gogement* for 'judgment.' For the Cockney 'ham am,' 'heldest eldest,' see H in List of Words; also W, for *w* insted of *v*.

The Notes, foot and end, are not so full as I could have wisht; but I had no time to fish for more. One of the blessings of being a Director is, that when you want specially to work at a favourite subject—my Old-Spelling Shakspeare it was this time—you have to put it aside, and take up an altogether different one that you're out of tune for, because your Society *must* have a Text out by Christmas to fill up its year's issue. Hence the present volume has been done against time, and hasn't the notes from Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, and all the County Histories, that it ought to hav. But I've done the work as well as I could in the time allowd; and Mr. J. Horace Round and Mr. J. Challenor Smith for people and places, Miss My. Lambert for Romanist. services, Mr. W. G. Stone for *Jonetis* = genets, and some places in Lewis, Mr. E. Peacock for some Lincolnshire names, Prof. Skeat and other friends, hav to some extent supplied my shortcomings, and earnd my hearty thanks. To my

of Latin contractions hav now and then gone astray—see *Notes*, p. 135, 137. The reader will charitably remember the old adage, '*Quod adest boni consule*. You must not looke a giuen horse in the mouth.' 1616. Withal's *Dict.* by B. R. p. 578. For Dress, see 'Gowns, Blue, Green, Russet, Scarlet, Sangwyn,' &c. For Ornaments, see 'Maple, Sink-foil, Baley, Oyche, Ruby, Silver,' &c. For the Statue of Lady Warwick naked, see her Will, 116/9. For a Brass of Wife and 7 Children, 81/9.

<sup>1</sup> See the List of Words.

friend Miss Teena Rochfort-Smith, I am also indebted for the List of Words and Places in the first 8 pages of the book, and for soothing my soul when, on certain evenings, I was grinding at the rest of that wearing work<sup>1</sup>, by singing me all my old favourite mezzo-soprano songs, 'Che farò', 'Lascia ch'io pianga', 'Cangio d'Aspetto', 'Adelaide', 'Voi che sapete', 'Du bist die Ruh', 'Ave Maria', 'Non e ver', 'Ruth', 'Oh rest in the Lord', 'Oh for the wings of a dove,' &c. &c. May all opprest Indexers hav the like sweet consolement!

*British Museum (5 p.m., under the Electric light),  
Dec. 5, 1882.*

<sup>1</sup> The Lists don't profess to be exhaustive, tho they took a long time. Bequests of Souls are not indext, as they're in nearly every Will. Of other frequent bequests, only a few samples are given.



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### THE FIFTY EARLIEST ENGLISH WILLS.

#### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Mr. Round and Mr. Challenor Smith now find, alas! that a few Wills near to 1400 A.D. (including at least two printed by Dugdale) escaped Mr. S.'s note-book. So we must have another volume some day. Miss Marx will start at copying the fresh Wills, as soon as *Huon* and *The Four Sons of Aymon* are clear for our Extra Series.

p. v, l. 5; p. 4, l. 1; p. 155, col. 2, l. 10; for *Hampshire*, read *Dorsetshire*  
p. vi, l. 1, after "BROWNE", insert "(alias atte Grove)."

— l. 4; p. 45, 46; for *Thomas* (Bathe), read *John*.

— l. 5; p. 47, l. 8; for *Weston*, read *Weston Underwood*.

— l. 12, for *Bikinacre*, read *Hanningfield*.

— l. 16, for *Hornsey*, read (*Hornsey*)

p. vii, l. 8, for *English Wills*, read *English Will*

p. xi, note. Read "Perhaps of his *Boece* too. His name 'Jankyn Clerk' is at 39/6; and his 'Koke of London' at 94/11. *The Pore Caitiff*, a Wycliffite book, is bequeathd on p. 50, l. 18."

p. xv, l. 8, for *schal*, read *schel*.

p. 5, l. 5. *Johane my doughter, my sone is wyf*. She was daughter of Roger, Lord De La Warr, the hero of Crécy and Poitiers (by his 2nd wife Alianore, dau. of John, Lord Mowbray), and heiress in her issue (by the half-blood) to her two brothers, successive lords. It was through her that the Barony of De La Warr came into the West family.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 5. *paled black and white*. That is, striped vertically. It would be blazoned in Heraldry—"paly sable and argent." Joan, Lady Abergavenny, in her will (1434) bequeaths a similar "Bed of Velvet, white and black paled, with Quyshions, Tapettes, and formers that long to the same bed."—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 28. *Sir Nichol Cliston knyght*. Sir Nicholas de Clifton, of Clifton (then Cliston), near Preston, Lancashire. He was in the French wars with his

father-in-law, Sir Thomas West, and was made Governor of Ham in Picardy, 1383.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 29. *Thomas Cliston here sone*. He accompanied Henry V. into France, 1415, and fought at Agincourt with his brothers.—J. H. R.

p. 5; p. 50; p. 136. *Bequests of English Books*. Mr. Challenor Smith has lately noted gifts, in 1433, of the *Story of Joseph*, *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, *Alquin's Sermon*, and *Piers Plowman*. In the Will of Eleanor Purdeley, widow, of London, Commissary Court, 1433: "libros Anglicanos, videlicet the Storie of Josep, Patrikek purgatore, and y<sup>e</sup> sermon of altquyne." Bequest of "librum vocatum piers plowman."—Will of Thos. Roos, Commissary Court, 1433. Mr. Round notes a bequest of "my Book of Tribulacion" by Sir Lewis Cliford (the Lollard) in 1404.

p. 6, l. 6. *a scochon of my lordes armes and of myn Iparted*. Their two coats were *impaled*, a practice which had then recently replaced "dimidiation" (cf. p. 117, l. 5).—J. H. R.

p. 6, l. 25. *my lord Sir Thomas West*. Son of Sir Thomas, 1st Lord West, but was not himself summoned. Fought at Crécy, 1346; d. 3 Sept. 1386.—J. H. R.

p. 6, l. 29. *a vestiment . . . . . to the cops*. Some light may, perhaps, be thrown on this by a passage in the will of Joane, Lady Abergavenny (1434)—"I wool that the foreseyd Freers have a hool sute of black, that ys to sey, a Chetepyl, two Tunicles, three Coops, with my best pair of Candlestecks of silver wrethen, and my best sute of Vestments of Cloath of Gold, with Peacocks, with auter clothes, and aubes, and alle that longeth thereto, for a memorial perpetuelie to use hem every yere at the Anniversary of my Lord my Husband and of me." I think that "the cops of the hows" must mean the community.—J. H. R.

p. 9, l. 2; p. 149, col. 2, l. 14; p. 185, col. 1, l. 10. *the lordes In of Cherlton*. This is "the Inn (town-house) of the Lord Cherlton." John of Cherlton was summoned to Parliament as "Johanni de Cherlton de Powys" (he was lord of Powysland) from 1382 to 1400. And this will is dated 1395.—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 17. *seynt mary Kirk of Beverley*. This noble church had been originally a chapel of ease, but was endowed out of the prebend of St. Martin, 1325, as a Parish Church, on condition that its vicar provided two chaplains, to celebrate service daily at the altars of St. Mary and St. Martin, and that he should be present with his priests, in a regular habit, all processions of the prebendal church of Beverley (*Originalia*, 3 Edw. III.).—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 18. *the vekery of the same Kyrke*. John de Brydlington had been appointed vicar in 1403 (*Lansd.* MSS. 896, viii. fo. 189).—J. H. R.

p. 12, l. 22. *seynt gyllys spetyll*. Said to have been founded by "Wulf" before the Conquest. Belonged to the Archbishops of York till Walter Giffard, in 1277, exchanged it with the Priory of Wartre for a wood. It consisted of a Master and brethren, and, at the Dissolution, contained five poor men.—J. H. R.

p. 16, l. 8. *Rowenhale*: possibly so called as being a native of Rowenhall, Staffordshire.

p. 37. *Rychard HADDOKE, of the Lee, Essex.* Mr. H. W. King, of Leigh Hill, Leigh, Essex, the well-known Essex antiquary (p. xi, above), had Stephen Thomas's Will prepared for printing before I issued it. He writes to Mr. Challenor Smith: "Richard Haddock is one of the ancestors (whether lineal or not,) of the great Admiral Sir Richard Haddock of this place [temp. Charles II and James II], and his scarcely less distinguished son, Admiral Nicholas Haddock, and some 6 or more Naval Captains of that remarkable family. There are brasses of their Ancestors in this Church, and of, possibly, that identical Richard named in the will [1419], as he died 1453."

p. 45, 46. For *Thomas Bathe* read *John Bathe*.

p. 70, l. 23. *breed and herynge.* A century later (1528) Thomas Mathew of Colchester, on being tried for heresy, abjured, and was ordered, as part of his penance, to spend 4s. 8d. a week, during Lent, in buying *bread and herrings* for the poor of the town.—J. H. R.

p. 70, l. 25. *Laffarebrugge.* Langford bridge on the Blackwater, between Witham and Maldon.—J. H. R.

p. 109, l. 10. *the freres prechours of Gloucestre.* See an excellent account of this Dominican House (founded circ. 1239) by the Rev. C. F. R. Palmer (*Arch. Journ.* xxxix. 296).—J. H. R.

p. 135. *Sir Thomas West, knight.* Died 17 April, 1405, and was buried at Christchurch with his ancestors, having bequeathed £100 to its canons that they might keep annually the "year's minde" for himself, his father, mother, and wife.—J. H. R.

p. 135. Of the *Benedictio Viduæ* here described, there is a famous instance in English history. Eleanor, sister of Henry III. and widow of William Earl of Pembroke (who d. 15 April, 1231), had taken this vow, but subsequently (7 Jan. 1238) married Simon de Montfort. The vow had been taken before Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Richard, Bishop of Chichester. The former protested against her second marriage, and the Baronage, then jealous of Simon, raised such an outcry that he had to go to Rome and pay heavily for a dispensation. It is clear, I think, that the historians who treat of this marriage (Blaauw, Pauli, Prothero, Shirley, &c.) must have been ignorant of the technical character of Eleanor's vow, which they seem to confuse with taking the veil. But the chroniclers' words distinctly refer to the *Benedictio viduæ*:—"in præsentia sancti Edmundi Cantuarensis archiepiscopi et sancti Ricardi Cicestrensis episcopi solemne votum castitatis emisit."—T. Wykes; . . . . "in cujus præsentia dicitur ipsa Alienora votum fecisse continentie vidualis, vestibus utens tinctura carentibus."—Matth. Paris.

Philippa, widow of Guy (d. 28 April, 1351), eldest son of Thomas Earl of Warwick, took this vow 11 Aug. 1360. The Memorandum of it is preserved, and is a good illustration of the service.

"11 die mensis Augusti, An. Dom. 1360, apud Warwick, dictus Venerabilis Pater,<sup>1</sup> altam Missam in Pontificalibus, in Ecclesiâ Collegiatâ beatæ Mariæ Warwici antedictâ celebrans, votum castitatis Philippæ nuper uxoris Domini

<sup>1</sup> Reginald (Bryan) Bishop of Worcester.

Guidonis de Warwic admisit et acceptavit; et dicta Philippa votum castitatis emisit, sub hiis Verbis:

"En le nom de le Seint Trinitie, Piere, Fil, & Seint Esprit, jeo Philippe que fu la feme Sire Guy de Warwyst face purement & des queor & voluntee entierement, avow a Dieu & seint Eglise, & a la benure Virgin Marie, & a tout le bel compaignie celestine, & a vous reverent Piere en Dieu, Sir Reynaud per le Grace de Dieu Evesque de Wircestre, que jeo ameneray ma vie en chastitee defore en avant, & chaste ferra de mon corps a tout temps de ma vie."<sup>1</sup>—J. HORACE ROUND.

p. 180, l. 23. *Edward my sone*. A staunch Yorkist. Fought at St. Alban's, 1455.—J. H. R.

p. 146, col. 2, l. 24, for *Bathe*, *Thomas* read *Bathe*, *John*.

p. 184, col. 1, l. 6, for "70/22" read "70/23"

p. 185, col. 1, l. 2, for "117/12" read "117/14"

(Mr. Horace Round is, I find, the only grandson of Horace Smith of the *Rejected Addresses*.)

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<sup>1</sup> Bryan, Vol. I. f. 30 b.

## Earliest English Wills.

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### 1387. ROBERT CORN.

[Citizen of London: gives half his property to himself, to be spent in Masses and Alms; the other half to his son Watkyn and his daughter Katherine; and 40s. to his daughter Genet. Leaves bequests to St. Mary Abchurch,<sup>1</sup> St. Paul's poor folk, Bartholomew New, one of his Executors, &c.]

I. Commissary Court of London, Courtney (A.D. 1374-1400), leaf 198, back.

**I**N the name of god, Amen, the thorsday Befor the feste of seint laurence, the 3er of the incarnacion of our lord, Millesimo CCC<sup>mo</sup> lxxxvij, the reyne of the kyng Richard the Secund after the conquest the x., I, Robert Corn, Ceteseyn of london, be-quethe 4 my sowle to god, to lygge in the chirch of our lady of abbechirch. Also y be-quethe my goodes in twey partyes, that ys for [to] seie, half to me, and the tother haluyndel to Watkyn my sone and to Kateryne my Dowter, and also, or my godes be to-partyd, y with 8 that my dettes be payd in alle places that rythful ys. Also y be-quethe genet my dowter xl. s. Also to the werkes of our lady of Abbechirch xx. s. Also to the Brethered of our lady of Abbechirch xx. s. Also to eueri prest that ys of this chirch, ij. s. Also to the 12 twey clerkes that bene in the chirch. euerich of hem, ij. s. Also y be-quethe x. s. to the most nedful men & women pat ben in the parche of our lady of abbechirch. Also y be-quethe iij. ti to

<sup>1</sup> St. Mary Abchurch is in Abchurch Lane in the Ward of Candlewick St.: 'the word *Abchurch*, or *Upchurch*, was added to distinguish this from other Churches of St. *Mary*, it standing on an Eminence, compared with Houses near it in *Thames str.* &c.' It was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and rebuilt in 1686. Hatton's *New View of London* (1708), ii. 359.

bringe me on erthe. Also y be-quethe Bartilmewe neue the bed of  
 tree, *with* the cheste atte the foot, weche they haue of myn, & the  
 lauour of peuter *with* the basyn of led. Also y wille and ordene  
 4 þat alle the godes weche y haue be-quethe Katerine, þat it be  
 in kepyngs of my too executours, here for to take as sche had ned.  
 Also y be-quethe to the werkes of poulys vj s. viij d. And also wat  
 godes þat leuet to-ward me, y wiþ þat it be do of massys and  
 8 of almes-dedys þere most nedful ys. And here-to I ordeine Watkyn  
 my sone, secutour, & Bartilmewe newe þat oþer; & vp-on this y  
 wiþ þat Bartilmewe neue haue for hys traueal, after þat he seruit.  
 Also y wiþ þat Iohn Edmund [haue] al þ<sup>e</sup> led þat light in þ<sup>e</sup> stuys,  
 12 & þ<sup>e</sup> sesterne þat longeþ to the stuys, and þ<sup>e</sup> bordes & þ<sup>e</sup> gaudroun in  
 þ<sup>e</sup> kechyn þat stont in forneys, he to paie þer-for as it ys worthy,  
 for-be ony otherman.

(xxij. 129. 199) Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis,  
 16 Presidente Consistorij londonie, vna cum codicillo eidem annexo,  
 ij<sup>o</sup> Idus Marcij, Anno domini Millesimo CCC<sup>mo</sup> lxxxix<sup>mo</sup>. Et commissa  
 est administracio omnium bonorum, dictum defunctum & ipsius  
 testamentum concernencium, Waltero Corn, executori in dicto testa-  
 20 mento nominato, in forma iuris, & per eundem admissa, Bartholomeo  
 Neue, coexecutore interius in eodem testamento nominato, onus  
 administracionis huiusmodi coram nobis expresse admittere recu-  
 sante. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum officialitatis londonie,  
 24 presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Londonie, Die & anno  
 Domini supradictis.

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## JN. PYNCHION, 1392.

Will of Jn. Pyncheon, Citizen and jeweller of London, dated, Vigil of  
St. Matthew [Sept. 20], 1392.

[John Pyncheon's will is in French, with an English insertion, perhaps in order that his charitable gifts might thus be more plain. He gives money to the Poor, according to their condition; clothes to the Lame and Blind; a weekly allowance to the Prisoners in Newgate, and the Lepers, for 1 year; and a small sum to poor men of Religion.]

1 Commissary Court off London, Courtney.

(xij. 264. 194 lf. l. 19) Gives his lands in the county of Essex to be sold, and the money disposed of as follows: "Ieo volle *que* la moneye soit despendu, cestassauoir, to þ<sup>e</sup> pore Men þat han ben Men be-fore of god conuersacion, som man .xx.s, ant som ij Marc, and 4 som xl. s., aftyr þat here stat hat ben be-fore, and þat þey be of þ<sup>e</sup> same Parche, and Of Petris and Cristoforys, or of opere next þer by; & where me may wetyn eny powre lame, ore powre Blynde, in Ani plache in þ<sup>e</sup> Towne, þat þey han Cloþys to hele hem fro colde, & 8 Schetys to þam þat han nede. And to þ<sup>e</sup> presonis of newgate, a serteyn by þe weke duryng on ȝere; & to þ<sup>e</sup> Powre Mesellis a certeyn A weke duryng on ȝere; & þat þ<sup>e</sup> hows be ysold<sup>d</sup>, and þ<sup>e</sup> Almes yi-do in þ<sup>e</sup> worst ȝere. And where men may a-spye eny 12 powre man of religion, Monke, Chanon, or Frere, þat þay han of my god þ<sup>e</sup> gode<sup>1</sup>, And ben powre, eche Man .vj. s. viij. d. þat ben Prestys."

(Proved, with Codicil annex, Oct. 9, 1392.)

<sup>1</sup> so in MS.

## LADY ALICE WEST, OF HAMPSHIRE, 1395.

[Of Hinton Marcel, Hampshire. Gives her son Thomas, her best Bed and Seat, his father's ring, &c. Her daughter-in-law Joan, her second best Bed, a silver Basin and Chafer, her Books, Chapel Vestments and silver fittings, with a Chair and Chariot. Her daughter, Lady Alianore Clifton, a Bed, silver Basin, &c. Her sister, Lady Lucy Fitzherbert, Prioress of Shaftesbury, £40. Bequests to her servants and poor tenants. Many gifts to Nuns, and Friars, and Recluses, for Masses and Prayers. Burial to be at the Priory of Christ-Church, Hampshire.]

[Latin prologue as to the proof of the Will on Sept. 1, 1395, by Sir Thomas West and John Thurston, two of the Executors named in it.]

(Rous. (Prerogative Court) sheet 4, leaf 29 back.)

*Testamentum Domine Alicie West* (in margin)

Tenor vero dicti testamenti sequitur in hec verba :

In dei nomine, Amen. On thursday, that is to sey, the xv day of the moneth of July, In the yer of the incarnacioun of our lord  
 4 ihesu crist, a thousand and thre hundred and foure score and fiftene,  
 .I. Alice West, lady of Hyntōn Marcel, in hool estat of my body, and  
 in good mynde beyng, make my testament in the maner as hit  
 folweth here after. In the begynnnyng, I bequethe my soule to god  
 8 almyghty and to his moder seynt Marie, and to al the seyntis of  
 heuene, and my body to be beryed in Crischerch in the Priorie of the  
 Chanones in Hamptschire, by the Newe forest, where-as myne  
 Auncestres liggeth. Also I deuyse to Thomas my sone, a bed of  
 12 tapicers werk, with alle the tapites of sute, red of colour, ypouthered  
 with chapes and scochoñs, in the corners, of myn Auncestres armes.  
 with that .I. bequethe to the same Thomas, the stoffe longyng  
 therto, that is to seye, my beste fetherbed, and a blu caneuas, and a  
 16 materas, and twey blankettys, and a peyre schetes of Reynes, with the  
 heued shete of the same, and sex of my best pilwes, wich that he wol  
 chese, and a bleu couertour of menyuer, and a keuerlet of red sendel  
 ypouthered with Cheuersons . . Also .I. bequethe to the same Thomas

my sone, an Halle, with docere, costers and bankers, of sute of that forseide bed. Also y bequethe to the same <sup>1</sup>Thomas my sone, a peyre Matyns bookis, and a peire bedes, and a rynge with which y was yspoused to god,<sup>2</sup> which were my lordes his faderes. Also .I. 4 deuyse to Iohane my doughter, my sone-is wyf, a bed paled blak and whit, with the tapites of sute, and the stoffe of the bed, that is to seye, my secunde best fetherbed, with caneuas materas, twey blanketes, a peyre shetis of Reynes, with the heued shete of the same, 8 and a blu couertour of gryns, and .iiij. the beste pilwes after choys of the forseide Thomas my sone. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane a basyn of siluer with boses upon the brerdes, and a chaufour of siluer longyng ther-to. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane, a 12 masse book, and alle the bokes that .I. haue of latyn, englisch, and frensch, out-tak the forsayd matyns bookis that is bequethe to Thomas my sone / Also I bequethe to the same Iohane alle my vestymenz of my chapeil, with the towailles longynge to the auter, 16 and my tapites whit and rede paled, and blu and red paled, with alle my grene tapites that longeth to my chapeil forsayd, and with the frontels of the forsayd auter, and with alle the rydelles and trussynge cofres, and alle other apparaile that longeth to my chapelle forsayd. 20 Also to the same Iohane my doughter .I. bequethe a chales and a paxbred, and an haliwater pot, with the sprengls, twey cruetis, twey chaundelers, twey siluer basyns for the auter, with scochons of myne auncestres armes, and a sacrynge belle, and alle of seluer, Also a 24 tablet depeynt of tre. Also .I. bequethe to the same Iohane, my chare, and that I haue longyng therto; Also a chariot with twey standares heled with lether, which that serueth for myn harneys. Also .I. bequethe to Sir Nichol <sup>3</sup>Cliston knyght, and to Alianore his 28 wif, my doughter, and to Thomas <sup>3</sup>Cliston here sone, Cxx li, euenliche to be departed betwix ham thre. And if Thomas here sone forsayd dyeth or he haue age of discrecioun, to ordeyne of his part of that moneye, I wol that it torne to profet of his fader and 32 his moder. Also .I. deuyse to the same Alianore my doughter, a tawne bed of silk, with hool celure and four curtyns of sute, and a

<sup>1</sup> leaf 30.<sup>2</sup> ? vow taken after she became a widow.<sup>3</sup> s for f; Clifton.

keuerlit of selk' ypoynet in that on side tawne, and in that other side blu; and the stoffe of the bed ther-wyth. that is to seye, my thridde beste fetherbed, with caneuas materas, twey blankettes, a  
 4 payre shites of reynes, with an heuedshite of sute, and iij pilwes. Also I deuyse to the same Alienore, a round bassin of siluer, which hath a scochoñ of my lordes armys and of myn Ipated. Also I  
 8 deuyse to my suster' dame luce fitz-Herberd, Priorisse of Shaftebury, .xl. ii. Also .I. bequethe to my suster' Thomase Blount, Menchoñ<sup>1</sup> of Romeseye, xl Marc. Also I deuyse to Margerie Salford<sup>2</sup> xx. ii. Also I bequethe to Beatrice Wareyn xl Marc, and a bed couenable for a gentel womman. Also I bequethe to Alison Hynton  
 12 x ti, and a bed couenable for her' estat. Also .I. bequethe to litel Perrot .x. Marc, and a bed couenable to the same perrot. Also I bequethe to Idkyne my chamber', xx. ii. and a bed couenable for her' estat. Also I bequethe to Thomme of the wardrobe .C. s'. Also I  
 16 bequethe to litel Reignold xl. s. and a bed couenable for his estat. Also .I. bequethe xl. ii. to be departed among' alle my seruantz, men and wommen of myn houshold, as to thilke that ben entendant for Thomas my sone, as for me, and as wel to hem that I haue eny  
 20 thyng' bequethe to in this testament, as to hem that I haue nothyng' bequethe to: and I wole that it be departed trewely to euery man and wommañ, after his degre. Also .I. bequethe xl. ii. to be departed among' my pouere tenautes oueral where I haue lordschipe, that is  
 24 to seye, to hem that haue most nede. Also I bequethe xvij ti. and  
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 .x. s for to synge and seye MMMM and CCCC Masses<sup>2</sup> for my lord sir' Thomas West-is soule, and for myn, and for alle cristene soules, in the most hast that it may be do, withynne xiiij nyght next after my  
 28 deces. Also .I. bequethe xl. ti to do make a vestiment, after deuys of my forsayd sone, to the cops<sup>3</sup> of the hows of Crischerche wher' my body schal ligge, to bidde, and to rede and synge for my lordes soule forsayd, and myn, and for alle cristene soules while the world schal  
 32 laste. and .I. wol that the same vestiment be mad and deliuered to the same hows of Crischerche withynne twelf moneth next after my

<sup>1</sup> Monk-en (cp. vix-en), monkess, nun.<sup>2</sup> 4400 Masses.<sup>3</sup> ? meaning: Copes (as Mr. W. G. Stone suggests), or Brethren, Monks, or the like.

deces. Also .I. bequethe to the Religiouse wommen, the Nonnes of the hows of seynt Eleynes of london, and to the prestes that longeth to the same Hows, C. s'. to be departid among' hem by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede diuine seruice, and to praye for my lordes 4 soule, Sir Thomas West, and for myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the estat of Thomas my sone, and Iohane his wif, and for her childern. Also I. bequethe to the Religiouse Wommen the Menouresses dwellyngge withoute algate of london, C. s. to be 8 departed amonge [hem] by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede and to praye diuine seruice for my lordes <sup>1</sup>soule Sir Thomas West, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the estates of Thomas my sone, and Iohane his wif, and for her children. Also .I. bequethe to 12 the Religiouse Wommen, Menchouns of the Hows of Shaftebury, and to the prestes longyngge to the same Hows, C. s. to be departed amonge hem by euene porcioñ, for to synge and rede diuine seruice, and to preye for my lordes soule Sir Thomas West, and for myn, and 16 for alle cristene soules, and for the estat of Thomas my sone & Iohane his wif, and her children. Also .I. bequethe to the Religiouse wommen, the Menchouns of the Hows of Romeseye, and to the prestes longyngge to the same Hows .C. s. . . . [Here follow like 20 bequests of 100 s. each to "the Religiouse wommen, Menchoñs of the Hows of Wilton" and its priests; "to the Freres Menours within Newegate of london"; "to the freres prechours withynne ludgate of london"; "to the freres carmes in Fletstret of london"; "to the 24 freres Augusteyns withynne Bisshopesgate of london"; "to the freres prechours of Wynchestre"; "to the freres Menours of Wynchestre"; "the freres Menours of Southamptōñ"; "the freres prechours of Salesbury"; "the freres Menours of Salesbury"; "the 28 freres Menours of Bristowe"; "the freres prechours of Bristowe," all to pray for the Souls of Sir T. West, the testatrix, all Christians, and her Son and his family.] Also I. bequethe to the Reclus frere Thomas, atte seynt Iames in the Holte .xl. s. for to preye for 32 my lordes soule forsayd, and myn, and for alle cristine soules, and for <sup>2</sup>thestat of my sone forsayd, and Iohane his wif, and her children. Also .I. bequeth to the Hospita of seynt Marie

<sup>1</sup> leaf 30 back.<sup>2</sup> leaf 31.

Maudeleyne aboue Wynchestre xl. s. to preye for my lordes soule forseyd, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for the stat of my sone forseid, and Iohane his wif, and her' childern.

4 Also .I. bequethe xl. ti to do make ther-with my forseyd lordes tombe, Sir Thomas West, and myn also. Also I bequethe to Elizabeth Rogers wif Newe, which that was my seruauant somtyme .C. s'. Also I bequethe to Iuliane Arny, and to Iohn Arny her

8 hosebonde, of dudlynton .C. s. Also .I. bequethe to Richard Forstrer, which is a blynd man dwellynge in Hanefeld, that was somtyme seruauant with my forsed lord Sir Thomas West, xx Marc. Also I bequethe to Roger, my parkere, of Ewhurst .C. s. Also I bequethe to

12 Iohn Smart that was somtyme my forseyd lordes baillif, Sir Thomas West, atte Hempston .C. s. Also .I. bequethe to Iohn Smyth, my Reue of Trestwode .C. s. Also I. bequethe to the vicar' of the Cherch of Newenton Valance that now is .xl. s. to preye for my

16 lordes soule Sir Thomas West, and myn, and for alle cristene soules, and for thestatz of Thomas my sone and Iohane his wif, and her children. An al the residue of my godes, after the dettys that I owe, ben quyt, and after my testament is parfourned .I. bequethe to the

20 forsayd Thomas my sone. Also I wol and deuyse that, ware that euer I deye, my body be caried to the forsayd Priorie of Crischerch, pryuelich and with right litel cost, and ther-to beried att the first masse, with a taper of v pound of wax stondyng and brennyng' att

24 my heued, and another taper' of .v. pound brennyng' atte my fet, with-out any other cost or solempnite ydo afterward. This is myn hool wil, that this be parfourned as hit is writen her-before. An ther-to .I. make my chef executor, Thomas my sone forsayd, and

28 executrice Iohane his wif. Mo executoris to hem I make Sir Iohn Colman, prest, Thomas Remys, steward to the lady Bemond, and Iohn Thurston. Also .I. wol and ordeyne that myn executours be rewarded after the helpe that they doth of this which that is my

32 testament, and after the goode discrecion of the forsayd Thomas my sone, and after that they travaille diligently with her' gode wille, to helpe fulfelle thes present testament; and therto .I. charge my sone Thomas forsaid vpon my blessyng' to parfourne holelich and trewlich

36 this present testament which that is my laste wil. In witesse of

which thyng<sup>1</sup>, to this testament ich haue set my sel. This was yewe and writen in the lordes In of Cherlton withoute Newgate, in the parosch of seynt sepulcre in the suburbe of london, in the day and the yer before ysayd<sup>2</sup>. More forthere, in the same day and in the yer 4 of the Incarnacioun of our lord ihesu crist bfore sayd.

[*Codicil.* Revokes her gifts of goods to her Son and Daughter-in-law if they won't act as Executors<sup>1</sup>; and gives money to the other Executors who do act.]

.I. Alice West, lady of Hynton Marcel befornamed, hool of my body and in good mynde, beyng mor folly avised to dispose of this testament and my laste wil, .I. wol that, if it so be that Thomas my 8 sone forseyd, and Iohane his wif, wolle noght take the charge to be myne executors, and to parfourne the administracion of this testament, which is [my] laste wil, as it is wrete her-before, thanne .I. wole that alle the godis which that .I. haue deuysed to the forseyd Thomas 12 my sone and Iohane his wif in this testament, be solde by myn executours which wol take the charge herof, and trewely ydo to charitable werkes for my lordes soule, Sir Thomas West, and for myn, and for al cristene soules. Also my wil is, that if eny of myne 16 other executours forsaid, that is to saye, sir Iohn Colman, Thomas Remys, and Iohn Thurston, wol take the charge, and be myn executour by hem self, to parfourne this testament, if so be that non of myne other executours wol take the charge with hem, thanne .I. 20 wole, that after Thomas my sone forseyd, and Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myn executours, that he that taketh the charge to be myn executour, haue .xx. li for his orwene<sup>2</sup> trauayle; and if tweye of hem that ben myne executours forseyd wol take the charge to-gederes 24 of executours to parforn trewely this testament, thanne .I. wol that after Thomas my sone and Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myne executours, that they tweye that taketh the charge to be myne trewe executours, have xx Marc for her trauaylle, that is [to] seye, eyther 28 of hem x Marc. And if so be that sir Iohn Colman, Thomas Remys

<sup>1</sup> As Sir Thos. West proved the Will (with Jn. Thurston), he and his Wife would keep their beds, books, &c.

<sup>2</sup> for owene.

and Iohn Thurston, myne executours forseyd, wolle take charge to-gederes to administre and to parfourne trewly this testament as hit is writen here before / thanne .I. wole that after Thomas my sone  
 4 forsayd and <sup>1</sup>Iohane his wif haue forsake to be myne executours, that the forseyd Sir Iohn Colman, Thomas Remys, and Iohn Thurston, haue .xx. ti for her' trauaille, that is to seye, euerych of hem x Marc. Also, for hit was for-yete byfore in this testament, .I. bequethe to the  
 8 Reclus of Shirbourn, whos Surname is Arthour, xl. s. for to do and to preye as othere Reclus forseyd Shulleth don and preye. *Accepta sunt hec, coram dicto Reuerendissimo presidente & domino Archiepiscopo, & per eum prout suprascribuntur & recitantur. Anno, In-*  
 12 *dictione, pontificatu, Mense, die & loco, predictis. Presentibus venerabilibus & discretis viris, Magistris Adam de Mottrun, Archidiacono Cantuarensi in decretis, & Waltero Gybbes in legibus licenciatis, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter & rogatis.*<sup>2</sup>

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### JOHN GIRDELER, 1402.

[Of Harefield (near Uxbridge, Middx.): to be buried at Westminster Abbey. Bequests to St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, the parish churches of Harefield (and its poor, priest, and clerk), Ikenham, Ruislip, and Helmdon,<sup>3</sup> and to 120 poor bedrid folk of Westminster; and £2 to mend the road between Hillingdon and Acton.]

(Brown 1400-1418. 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 21 back.)

16 In the name of god, Amen. þ<sup>e</sup> xxv day of Iuyll in þ<sup>e</sup> reigne of Kyng Henry, iij ȝer .I. Iohn Girdeler of Harfeld, in god mynde and saf memorye, make my testement. Ferst my soule to Almyghty

<sup>1</sup> leaf 31 back.

<sup>2</sup> See an Abstract of this Will in Nicolas's *Testamenta Vetusta*, 1826, i. 137; Collins's *Peerage*, v. 378; and an extract in Dugdale's *Baronage*, ii. 139. It was printed in the *Illustrated London News* of (?).

<sup>3</sup> These places are in the hundred of Elthorne, Middx., and near Uxbridge, from which town, Harefield (Virgin Mary) is 4½ miles N., Ickenham (St. Giles) is 2½ miles N.E., and Ruislip (St. Martin) is 3½ miles N.E.—Lewis, *Topogr. Dict.*, 1833. Helmdon, Middx., is not in Lewis, but must be near the others.



god, my body for to rest in the Chirche of Synt pietres at Westmenstre, where as þ<sup>e</sup> Abbot wol asyne. And y bequethe to þ<sup>e</sup> werk of Synt powles of london vj s. viij d. Also y bequethe to þe Couent of Westmenstre x mark. Also y bequethe for vj torchis of wax for 4 to serue atte awter of Synt pieter in þ<sup>e</sup> worschipe of god xl .s. Also y bequethe to þ<sup>e</sup> parich chirche of Harfeld xx .s. Also y bequethe to þe heye awter of þ<sup>e</sup> forseyd chirch, ij torchis of wax. for to serue in the worschip of god xij s. iiij d. Also y bequethe atte day of my 8 terment in Harfeld, to an .C. pouere men and wommen, for þ<sup>e</sup> loue of god, euerych l. d. Also y 3eue to þ<sup>e</sup> parich prest of Harfeld x .s. Also y 3eue to þ<sup>e</sup> clerk of þ<sup>e</sup> chirch of Harfeld xij d. And to þ<sup>e</sup> sexsteyn xij d. Also y bequethe to þ<sup>e</sup> parich chirch of Ikenham 12 xij s. iiij d. Also ij. torchis of wax for to serue in þ<sup>e</sup> forseyd chirche in the worschip of god xij s. iiij d. Also y bequeth to þ<sup>e</sup> parich chirch of Ryslepe in most worschip of god vj s. viij d. Also to þ<sup>e</sup> forseyd chirche y 3eue for to serue atte heye awter and in othir 16 places of þ<sup>e</sup> chirche in þ<sup>e</sup> most worschip of god ij torchis of wax, pris xij s. iiij d. &c. Also y bequethe to þ<sup>e</sup> parish chirche of Helmdon in most worschip of god, vj s. viij d. Also to þ<sup>e</sup> forseyd Chirch y 3eue for to serue atte þ<sup>e</sup> heye Awter and in othir place of the chirche in 20 the most worschipe of god ij torchis of wax, pris xij s. iiij d. Also y bequeth to þ<sup>e</sup> Mendyng of þ<sup>e</sup> heye way be-twen Hillindon and Akton, xl .s. Also y bequethe to vj<sup>xx</sup>.<sup>1</sup> pouere Bedrede men & wommen where as þey may be founde þ<sup>e</sup> day of my terment atte 24 Westmenstre, or Hastelich after, euerych man and womman, for þ<sup>e</sup> loue of god, iiij d. My seketours, William Kylllet of Essex, John Mendam of London, Thomas Tornom of Ikenham; John Cosyn of London, ouerseer, þat my wylle be fulfylde in þ<sup>e</sup> worschip of god. 28

*Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis, presidente Consistorii Londonie, vj<sup>to</sup> Idus Augusti, A<sup>o</sup> domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> secundo &c. Et commissa est administracio bonorum Executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis.*

<sup>1</sup> six score 120.

## RICHARD ROOS, 1406.

[Of London; ? originally of Beverley, Yorkshire. Gifts to the poor, and to the parson (rector), priests, and clerks of his parish church (? where). £5 to his master, for neglect while he was apprentist. Gifts to the clergy and poor of St. Mary's, Beverley, and of rings &c. to friends. £50 each to Wife and son Thomas; a pipe of wine to Jn. White jun. and his wife. Residue in thirds: 1. to Testator's soul (for Masses, &c.), 1. to his wife, 1. to his son, with gifts over, if his son dies.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 75 back.)

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Richard Roos, in gode hele & mynde, Blessed be god / The Ferst day of June the [vij] yere of Kyngye Harry the fourth. y wyt my body to be beryd whare that  
 4 god wyH of his Grace dyspose hyt / And at the day of my beryngt, y wyH haue sayde for my sowle xij Messes; & ther for y wyt Euery prest iiij d. Summa .iiij s, iiij d / & also y wyt to xxvj. pouere men & wymmen, euery of hem ij d, summa iiij s. iiij d / & Also y wyt to  
 8 the person of my paryssh vj s. viij d / Also y wyt Euery prest of the same Kyrk xij d / Also y wyt to the clerkys of the same Kyrk ij s. Also y wyt to Iohn Wodcok my mayster, for neclygent seruyse that y dyd to hym in the tyme of my prentyshode, 3yf he wyl take hyt,  
 12 v ti. & 3yf he wyl nough take hyt, y wyt hyt to my sone Thomas. Also y wyt to Iohan Dyrwyn a rynge of xx s. Also y wyt to Richard Medrose a rynge of vj s. viij d. Also y wyt to Iohan Talbot a Cuppe, pryse of xxvj s. viij d / Also y wyt Thomas Roos  
 16 my brothyr, my Habyryon, & my schort swerd, & my best baselard. Also y wyt to euery prest of seynt mary Kyrk of Beuerley, for to pray for me, iiij d / Also y wyt to the vekery of the same Kyrke xij d. Also y wyt to the same Kyrke work xl. d / Also  
 20 y wyt to foure clerkys of the same Kyrke xvj d. Also y wyt to xxiiij pouer men & wymmen of the same paryssh in Beuerley, iiij s. Also y wyt euery prest & Frere in Beuerley, ij d. Also y wyt to seynt gylys spetyH in Beuerley, to the pouer folk ij s'. Also y wyt to the

spetyH of Richard of Beuerley, xij d. Also y wyt to the seruautys of Iohan Wodecok in hys hous xx s'. at the wyH of myne Executouris. Also y wyt to Iohan Watley, Richard Gy, Martyn Killum, Nicholas Walsyngham, Iohan Bele, Thomas Halle, Iohan Grene, Thomas 4 Scheddysford, Iohan Wellys, Robard Kemp, Marigeri Walsyngham, Agnes Bele, Ionet Denerston, Mawde Denton, Margarete Strauston, Alson talbot, Laurans Hampton & eius vxori, Richard Euerard & eius vxori, Thomas Waddon, Iohan Typpop, Robard Myddylton, ylk 8 man & woman of hem in sute a ryng of xl d. Also y wyt to Mawde my wyfe .l. ti. Also y wyt to Thomas my son .l. ti. ; & 3yf my son dye, than y wyH that my wyfe haue xx ti : & the xx Mark over, y wyH that hyt be dysposyd at the wyH of Thomas Roos to owre 12 Susterys Chyldryn. Also y wyt syr perys Geneyn a cuppe of xx s', or xx s'. [leaf 76, iij f.] Also y wyt to Iohan Whyte the yonger, & to hys wyfe, a pipe of wyne, prys of xl s'. Also y wyt to the seruautys in the hous of Iohan Whyte, that ys for to say, prentyse 16 Lowys & othyr seruautys, at the Dysposyng of Thomas Roos, xx s'. Also y wyt to Robard Rechemon my Cosyn, xl s. worth of harneys, or xl s. And aH the remenauntys of my godys, y wyH they be preysyd & parttyd in thre : on part for to be don for my soule, & 20 that other part to my wyfe / & the threde to my son or to my children ; & 3yf my son die, than y wyH that hys part of the remenauntys be partyd in thre, on part for hys soule, & on part to his modyr, & the thyrd part to my kyn that pouer men wymmen 24 or chyldryn ben / at the dysposicion of myn Executours. Wretyn at London the 3ere & the Day for-sayde ; Thomas Roos, Maude Roos my wyfe, & Iohan Talbot, myne Executorys / In gode tyme also y wyH that my son be at gouernaunce, wyth that Gode that he has, at 28 the wyH of Thomas Roos be-fore AH othyr men or wymmen that leuyn, & yef outgH come to Thomas Roos, than y pray Iohan Wodecok to se to my son, that he be nat lost. Also y wyt to Thomas Steuenes, A baselard, or x s'. Also y wyt to Elyse Dauby v. ti / Also 32 y wyt to Robard Torre, xl s'. Also y wyt to the maryage of Avys Garton, x Mark. Item othyr seruautys [in] my hous xij s. iij d / *probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram nobis, presidente Consistorii londonie, sede vacante, iij idus Junij, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup>* 36

sexto. Et comissa est administracio &c Matildi, Relicte & Executrici, in dicto testamento superius nominata, et admissa per eandem in forma iuris prestito, primitus &c. Facultate committenda  
4 consimilem administracionem bonorum huius Thome Roos et Iohanni Talbot / coexecutoribus eciam in dicto testamenento nominatis, cum eam venerunt admissuris<sup>1</sup> nobis specialiter reseruata /

[later] Adueniente vero iiij<sup>to</sup> kalendarum Augusti, Anno domini  
8 Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> nono, Commissa fuit Administracio &c Thome Roos, Executori supra nominato, per Magistrum Jacobum Gale, Commissarium londonie. Et per eundem admissa in forma iuris &c, presentibus Margreta Roberto Esebachi, & laurencio Hampton), &  
12 Alijs.

### JOHN PLOT (or ROUWENHOLE, or ROUWENHALE), 1408.

[Citizen and Maltman of London, widower and childless (?). All estate to services and the poor, with a few legacies to friends. Executor to pay a Priest for 3 years £20, and to keep the Testator's 'year's mind'—Anniversary Solemn Service—for 20 years after his death, and give 40*d.* to the poor, and 40*d.* for bread and ale at his *Dirige*. 10 marks for Maidens on their Marriage; £3 for meat and drink for Neighbours; £5 to mend bad roads between London and Ware.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London. xxxij, f., lf. 138.)

In the name of god, Amen. And Also y, Iohn plot, Citaysyn and Maltman of london), beynge In gode Mende, In the day of translacion of seynt Martyn Byshoppe, the 3ere of Owre lord god  
16 M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>o</sup> & viij / And the 3ere of the Reygne of Kyng henre the iiij<sup>o</sup> aftir the conquest ix<sup>o</sup>. My wyf ys thys, that Robert pygeon, Citaysyn) & draper of london), Somtyme Cosyn) to Alys my wyue,—that god haue Mercy on her sowle & on all Cristyn sowlys,—that he  
20 take ful Charge & ful ministracion of al my godys, In whos handys & keypyng where they been / And Also the same Robert fulfelle alle my wyлле a-fore the date of thys / And Also my wyf ys thys. that he

<sup>1</sup> MS. admissur'.

& his Executours, other hys assyngnes, haue gouernance of my prest /  
 & for to paye to the same prest for the terme of thre ȝere After my  
 deses, ȝyf he be of good conuersacion, & Cunne devyne seruise, xx.  
 ti. And ȝyf hit so be the contrarie, y wil that he be put owte of hys 4  
 seruice, & take yn A betyr be the Same Robert Pygeon, & be his  
 Executours, othir be hys assyngnys / And thys ys my wyH. And  
 Also my wyH ys, that the Same Robert pygeon, hys Executours &  
 his assyngnys haue gouernans & rewlyng of my obytis, that ys for to 8  
 sayn, my ȝerys mynde, xx wynter Af[t]er my deses / And my wyl ys,  
 for to be do for my sowle, & for the Sowle of Alys my wyue, &  
 for all Cristyn sowlys, with solempne seruise, that ys for to sayn,  
 wyth Belle Ryngyng, deryge be note, & Masse of requiem be note. 12  
 & y wyH that the person of the same Church as for that tyme, haue  
 iiij d, & euery prest and clerkys haue ij d. & Also my wyl ys that  
 there be delyd that Same Daye to the pouer peple xl d, And Also  
 payde for brede & Ale to Spende atte my dyryge, xl d. And Also 16  
 my wyl ys thys, that Iohn White, Alys KamerweH / Mawde White,  
 Margarete Herelowe, [leaf 138, back] Wedue, have A-ȝens the day of  
 my terment, gownes of russet, with hodys of the same clothe. And  
 also my wyH ys thys, that Alys, the seruaunt of Mawde White, haue 20  
 a bras pot for her gode seruices / Also my wyl ys, that Mawde  
 White be rewardyd for Here gode kepyng, & for the gode loue that  
 Sche hath Schewyd to me, be the discrecion of Robert pygeon, myn  
 Executour & ouerseer of my testament & of my last wyH / Also my 24  
 wyH ys, that Iohn Walgraue, seruaunt of Wyllyam fondour, haue of  
 my gode iij s'. iiij d / Also my wyH ys, that Maydenys of gode name  
 & of gode fame haue x Marc of my gode to here Mariage, atte the  
 dysposicion of Robert pygeon / Also my wyl ys, that thyr be 28  
 Spendyth among my Nyebourus in Mete & in drynke A-bowte the  
 riche, & on the pouere of my[n]de, iiij<sup>u</sup>. And Also hit ys my wyl  
 that hit be, be the wyH & be the devyce of Robert pygeon; & that y  
 wyl that he haue for hys labour more than he ys nemnyd a-fore the 32  
 date of thys, xx s'. And that he do be me, as he wolde y dede by  
 hym, As he wyl Answere atte day of dome. And thys ys my last  
 wyl, y-wrete In the day & ȝere A-bovyn y-sayde. Also my wyl ys thys,  
 that [ther] be yspendyth betweene London and ware, of fowle weys, of 36

my good, there most nede ys, C s'. : & thys ys my wyH Record on  
Mawd White And Margarete Herlowe, wedewe. Probatus fuit iste  
codicillus coram nobis, Jacobo Gale, clerico Reuerendo in christo patris  
4 & domini &c, Commissario generali, per Matildem White & Mar-  
garetam Herlowe, Mulieres testes in hac parte productos, & in  
forma iuris iuratas & diligenter examinatas in presencia Iohannis  
Conyesburgh, vnius Executorum testamenti, siue vltimis [so] volun-  
8 tatis domini (Iohn Rouwenhole alias) Iohannis Rouwenhole alias dicti  
plot, maltman, dicentis se, nichil dicente contra dictum codicillum nec  
huiusmodi testes, & reputantur ipsos fore veros, xij kalendarum  
Ianuarii, Anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> Octauo. Et commissa est Admin-  
12 istracio omnium bonorum, dictum defu[n]ctum & ipsius presentis  
codicillum concernencium, Roberto pygeon, Executori in dicto  
codicillo interius nominato, & Admissa per eundem in forma iuria.

### ROBERT AUERAY, 1410.

[Of the Cordwainer's Company, London. To be buried at St. Clement's, Strand. Gifts of 2 gowns and hoods of the Cordwainer's livery. Money to the 4 Orders of Friars to say 4 *Diriges* at St. Clement's and St. Dunstan's, bread and ale being given away at them. Residue to Wife.]

(Brown (A.D. 1400-1418). 2 Commissary Court of London, f. xxxvj<sup>to</sup>, lf. 199, back.)

In dei nomine, Amen. I, Roberd Aueray : Ferst y be-quepe my  
16 soule to god and to our lady, and to AH the companye of heuen, and  
my body to beñ y-beryed in the Cherch of seynt Clementis wythowtyn  
Templebarr at London. Also y be-quepe to the werk' of the same  
Church xij. d. Also y be-quepe to William Begelon a grene Gowne  
20 and a hoyd Percyð wyth Ray, of the Cordywynerys leueray / y be-  
quepe to Freres Carmes' off London .ij.s.vj.d. And þat they sey a

<sup>1</sup> To the Carmelite or White Friars—the Friars of Our Lady on Mount Carmel, founded 1160 A.D., and cald 'Maries mon,'—Edw. I. gave ground in Fleet Street to build their Houses on in 1241.

The Friars-Preachers, Jacobins, or Dominicans—founded by St. Dominic,

diryge for my soule in the Church of Seynt Clementis, and syngge  
 for me also / y be-queþe to the freres prechoures with-yn ludgate /  
 ij s'. vj ð in þe same manere for to seyn a deryge in seynt Clementis  
 Cherch / Al-so y be-queþe to the frere menoures ij. s'. vij. ð for 4  
 to seyn a deryge for me in seynt Dunstanes Church in þe West, and  
 to syngge for me al-so / y be-queþe the Frere Austynes ij s' vj ð for  
 to seyn for me a dirige in seynt Dunstones Church in the west, and  
 for to syng for me / Also y be-queþe to Johon Wyot a gowne and a 8  
 hoyd of þ<sup>e</sup> Cordewaneres leueray of .ij. Coloures, and also a postnet  
 þat y lent hym / Also y be-queþe to herry Cole, a blewe gownne and  
 peyr of Rede hosyn / Also y be-queþe al þe Resydue of my godys to  
 Ione my wyff, for to beyn myn) Executorice Cheff, and Iohn Robert 12  
 of london) / for to ben Executour wyth her / & y be-queþe to the  
 same Iohn Robert / iij. s. iiij ð for hys trauayt, doying for me as he  
 wyth ansuere by-fore god / Also y be-queþe xl. penyworth bred, & I  
 kylderkyng of ale, to be spended At my dirige in sent clement church, 16  
 & xl. ð worth bred & a kylderkyng of ale, to seint Dunstones in þ<sup>e</sup>  
 same maner. I-wreten at london) þ<sup>e</sup> first day of may in þ<sup>e</sup> 3er  
 of oure kyng, xij. In wytnesse of þis dede, I. haue set þerto me sel.  
 Also I wele þat Herry cole, taylour, duellyng wyt-uten temple barre, 20  
 be on of myne executours, & I be-queþe to hym, þe same herry cole,  
 for hys trauayle .iij. s. iiij ð. Probatum.—iij Kln) Junij, Anno  
 domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>o</sup> xj . . . Executoribus . . . Et ij<sup>o</sup> Idus Iulij  
 . . . Iohanne Executrice . . .

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a Spaniard, in 1206—were cald Black Friars from their dress. They came  
 to England in 1221, had their first House in Holborn,—afterwards turnd  
 into Lincoln's Inn,—and the site of their second House near Baynard's Castle  
 (part of the present Blackfriars) was given them in 1276 by the Mayor and  
 Barons of London.

The Austin Friars' Church was founded in Broad Street Ward (near the  
 present N. London Railway Station) in 1253. The Order dates from A.D. 1150.

The Friar Minors, Franciscans, or Grey Friars—founded by St. Francis of Assisi  
 in 1209—first establisht Houses in England in 1224. Their chief House was  
 afterwards turnd into Christ's Hospital, the Blue-coat School in Newgate St.

## SIR WM. LANGEFORD, KNIGHT, 1411.

[Gives household stores, chattels, and growing crops, to his Wife, with a coffer. To his son Robert, a bed, and armour. To sons William and Henry, armour, &c. £100, and the money from land sold, as a marriage portion (in Executors' hands), to his daughter Isabel. Small sums to the Poor, to mending of Ways, and to Servants. A manor and advowson to son William. Another advowson, and a rent-charge, to son Henry. No benefit to any devisee disputing the will. Wife to manage sons' estates till sons are 18 years old. Residue to Wife. Feoffees (Trustees) of land to carry out the Will.]

Book *March*, leaf 187 (in quire 24). Prerogative Court.

- <sup>1</sup>In dei nomine Amen, vicesimo quarto die Mensis Augusti, Anno domini M<sup>o</sup>. CCCC<sup>mo</sup>. xj<sup>mo</sup>. Anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum, duodecimo. Ego, *Willelmus* Langford, Miles, compos  
4 *mentis* quamvis egrotus corpore, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam deo, corpus *que* meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Bradfeld<sup>2</sup>, videlicet in Capella sancti Andree. Item lego fabrice ecclesie Cathedralis Sarum .vj. s. viij d.  
8 Item lego ad reparacionem Capelle predictae quadraginta solidos. Also y be-qweythe to lucye my wyfe, alle my store and catah quyk<sup>1</sup> and de<sup>2</sup> in Bradfeld<sup>2</sup> and Compton<sup>3</sup>, with alle p<sup>o</sup> vtensyl of myn hows, pat ys to say, in halle, in Chambre, in Pantrie and Botrie, in larder and  
12 Kechyn, with alle hire apparure, pat ys to say, in cloping<sup>1</sup>, rynges, and alle oper ornamentes, what so pey be, with alle p<sup>o</sup> hay and corn of þis þhere growyng<sup>1</sup>, reseruyng<sup>1</sup> p<sup>o</sup> hold<sup>2</sup> greynys to myn executours to performe my wylle. Also y be-qweythe a cofere with þe godes þer-in  
16 in warde of laurens dru in Southcote<sup>4</sup>, to þe forseyd lucie my wyfe,

<sup>1</sup> 'Sturgeon' is in the margin.

<sup>2</sup> Bradfield (St. Andrew), a parish in the hundred of Theale, co. Berks, 8 miles W. of Reading. Rectory in archdeaconry of Berks, and diocese of Salisbury.—Lewis.

<sup>3</sup> ? Compton-Bauchamp, in the hundred of Shrivenham, co. Berks, 6½ miles S. by W. from Great Farringdon. Rectory in the archdeaconry of Berks, and diocese of Salisbury.—Lewis.

<sup>4</sup> Southcot, a tything in the hundred of Reading, Berks, 1½ miles W.S.W. of Reading.—Lewis.



vn-to hire propre vse. Also y be-queythe to Robert, myn heldest  
soñ, a reed bedde of worsteyd, with costers þat langyth þere-to,  
enbrawde with whyte fete, with a canvase, a materas, a pare of  
Blankettes .ij. pare of schetys; Also a basynet with a ventaile, a pare 4  
of vambrace and rerebrace, a pare of legge herneys, an holle brest-  
plate, a paunce of stele, a pare glovis of plate white. Also to  
Elyzabeth, wyfe of þe forseyd Robert, a boorde clope with .ij.  
towelles of deuaunt of oo sute. Also y be-queyth to William 8  
my soñ, an aburioun of stele with a pallette couerte with reede  
velwette, a pare of glovys of plate blacke. Also to Henre my son, an  
aburioun, a ketil Hatte. Also y be-queyth to ysabell my dowter, an  
.C. pounde to hir mariage, of whiche somme ys owynge to me, to be 12  
payd, an .C. Mark by þe handes of my lady loueth, and by the handes  
of William Tanner of Ersgarston .xxvj. Mark. vj. s'. viij. d, and þe  
remnaund to be payd of my godes þat leuyth. Also y wylle þat be  
gevon to pore men, in almes, to pray for me, .iiij. Mark, and in 16  
emendynge of weys lyand a-bowt þe manere of Bradfeld, .ij. Marc.  
Also y be-queyth to Thomas Eyre my seruaunde .vj. s'. viij. d.  
Henre .Soon .xl. [d]. William Hereward .ij. s'. Iohn Oxerd .xl. d.  
Peris Smyth þe yongar, .xl. d. Iohn Sceperd .v. s'. Iohn of þe 20  
Kechyn .xl. d. Robert Cokeneth .ij. s'. Iohn Goky .xx. d. William  
Chesc .ij. s'. Robert of þe Stabul .xx. d. Huge Parmay .xl. d. Iohn  
Turnour, Carter .v. s'. Iohn hayward .vj. s'. viij. d. William Burgeys  
and ys wyfe .xl. s'. Thomas Boteler .vj. s'. viij. d. Wylliam of Chestir- 24  
shire .v. s'. Thomas Capenter .xl. d. Mawde my seruaunde, to hire  
mariage .xx. s'. Iohn. Oxerd .xl. d. Beatrice my seruaunde .vj. s. viij. d.  
Also y wille þat alle þe londes and tenementes in Schyffeld, Burfeld,  
Sulhamstade Abbis, with þe mede clepyd Tybbeney in Oston, of my 28  
purchas, stondynge in feffies handes, be sold, and þe Siluer þere-of  
spendyd to þe avauncement of lucie, my dowter, and yf she be  
conably a-vaunsyd with les somme, y wille þat þe surplus be don for  
my soule. Also y wille þat þe forseyd sale of my londes and 32  
tenementes in Scheffeld, Burfeld, and Sulhamstade Abbis, be made  
principaly to my wyfe and myne heiris, geuyng þerfore as an oper  
man wille. Also y wille þat William myn son haue þe maner of  
Chale, with alle þe purtenaunce boyng in feffies handes, with 36

a-vowsoñ of þe Chyrche in þe Ile of Wyght, to him & to hys heirs of ys body lawfully be-gotoñ; and yf he deie wyth-owte heirs lawfully of ys body begetoñ, þanne wille y þe forseyd maner with  
 4 appurtenaunce, remayne to Henre ys broþer, and to þe heirs of ys body lawfully gotoñ; and yf þe forseyd Henre deie with-owt issue leful of ys body gotoñ, thaune wille y þat þe forseyd maner with appurtenauns, remayne to me and myne heirs. Also y wille þat  
 8 Henre my sone have .x. Marcis worth londre 3hely<sup>1</sup> to hym and to ys heirs leful of ys body, of þe londres and þe rentes in þe Counte of deuon-schire, beyng in fefees handes, with a-vowsoun of þ<sup>e</sup> chirche of Mounkeocamton; and for defawt of issue comynge of þ<sup>e</sup> forseyd  
 12 henre, y wille þat yt remayne to william ys broþer, and to ys heirs of ys body. And for defawte of issue of þe forseyd William, y wille þat þe remaynder be to my ryte heirs. I pray yow also þat ben my Fefees, þat 3e make estate vn-to my forseyd chyldre, lucie, henre, and  
 16 william, lyke as my wille ys be-fore conteynynd. Also y wille þat Thomas Rawfe, my seruauñd, haue .ij. Marces 3hely<sup>2</sup> duryng ys lyfe, takynge yt of þe londres and reutes in deuon-schyre beyng in fefees handes, takynge a distresse in defawte of payment. Also my  
 20 wille ys, þat yf my wyfe or my chyldre askuñ here resnable part of my godes aftur cours of lawe, þan wille y þat þey be excludyd of alle þe avauntage of þe ordinauns of my wille above y-seyd. Also my wille ys, þat þe siluer þat schal be reseyyvd for þe londres &  
 24 tenementes þat y haue be-fore asyngnyd for þe avaunsement of lucie my dowter, þat hyt a-byde in þe handes of myn executours to fulfyl my wille. Also y wille, tochaunde þe londres þe weche y haue asynyd to william my sone, þat lucie my wyf haue gouernauns þer-of,  
 28 and þe profete, vn-to þe forseyd william be of age .xviij. 3here. And also of þe londres þat ben assyngnyd to henre, þat my wyfe haue þ<sup>e</sup> gouernauns and þe profyte of, vn-to þe forseyd henre be of age .xviij. 3here. Also y wille þat þe .C. ti. wyche y haue assyngnyd for  
 32 ysabeñ my dowter, to hire a-vaunsement, and it falle þat sche deie or scheo be a-vauncyd, þan wille y þat þe forseyd .C. ti. be don for my sowle. þ<sup>e</sup> residue of alle my godes, my dettes furst payd, and my wille holly fulfyllid as ys by-fore wreton, y wille þat yt remayne to þe

<sup>1</sup> yearly.<sup>2</sup> yearly.

forseyd lucie my wyfe. and y pray alle 3ow þat bene enfeffed in my londes forseyd by me, þat 3e fulfyllen my forseyd wyll as 3e wyll answere a-fore god. Ad execucionem vero huius testamenti mei faciendam, ordino et constituo executores meos, laurencium dru, 4 willelmum Stookes, Robertum Clerke, Rectorem ecclesie de Bradfeld, et Iohannem Iacob. Datum die et Anno supradictis.

probatum fuit hoc precedens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne perche, Commissario &c primo die Mensis Octobris, Anno 8 domini M<sup>o</sup> CCC. xj. et quibuscunque, probacione &c, per dominum Robertum Sarum Episcopum cassata &c, et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti, quibusdam Roberto Clerke, Rectori ecclesie parrochiane de Bradfeld, Sarum diocese, & Iohanni Iacob, 12 Executoribus &c. laurencio dru, Executori eciam in ipso testamento nominato, coram dicto Commissario personaliter comparenti, onus administracionis &c expresse recusavit &c Reservata potestate cuidam willelmo Stokes &c Et subsequenter, viz. x die Mensis decembris A<sup>o</sup> 16 domini predicto, prefatus Commissarius acquietavit prefatos Robertum Clerke & Iohannem Iacob, &c.

### RICHARD YONGE, BREWER, OF LONDON, 1413.

[To be buried at St. Dunstan's in the West. Gifts to that Church, and its Priests. 20s. to Mother. Apprentice to be let off 2 years of his term, and have a grain vessel (?), &c. Son William to have pots, a pan, and a bed. Residue to Wife and Son.]

(Brown 1400-1418. 2 Commissary Court of London, leaf 263.)

In the name of god, Amen. Millesimo CCCC xij, I, Richard Yonge, Brewer of London, be-set my testament in thys maner: fyrst, 20 I be-quethe my Soule to God al-my3ty, an tho<sup>1</sup> our lady seynt Mary, an to al the fayr company of heuene; an my body tho be byret in the chirche 3erð of Seynt Donstones in the West. al-so y be-quethe to the hye Auter of the same church, for oblacions for-etyn<sup>2</sup>, xij d. 24 al-so y be-quethe to the sayd church warkis, vj s. viij d. al-so y

<sup>1</sup> tho is to; an is and.

<sup>2</sup> for-etyn is forgotten.

be-quethe to the prestes an the Clerkys that mynystre in the for-sayd church, by euen porcyon a-mong hem, iij s. iiij d. al-so, yf ther may be spared so moche of my gode after my dedtis an rement of my 4 testament be fulfyllt, y wyl that my moder haue xx<sup>s</sup>. Al-so [y] wyl that Ion, my prentys, haue a reles of to 3er of hys hol termys, of thys condicyon, that he be gode an trewe to my wyf. al-so y be-quethe to the for-sede Ion, I graners, an a flot, an a planer. al-so y be-quethe 8 tho William my sone, a new bras pot, an a panne, an a bedde, an a potel pot of pewwter. the residue of my gode, y be-quethe tho Amys my wyf, an my son, to kepe hem boþ wyt. al-so y make [*lf. 263 back*] Richard Roos, Glouer, & Joñ man, Corwaner, myn executou[r]s; 12 & ayder of hem to haue for ther trayuayH, a gode bow.

Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis. Testm &c ij<sup>o</sup> kln Octobris, Anno supra dicto. Et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum &c Executoribus supra dictis.

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THOS. WALWAYN, ESQ., OF MUCH MARCLE,  
HEREFORDSHIRE, 1415.

[*Testament of the Personalty.*]

[One-third of sale-money of some land, to make the steeple of Marcle Church, one-third to poor Prisoners (debtors),  $\frac{1}{4}$ th to neighbouring Poor,  $\frac{1}{4}$ th for the Marriage of young Women. 1000 Masses to be said. Restitution to be made for wrong-doing. Wife to have household goods, cloven-footed beasts, and corn. Burial to be without useless pomp. Legacies to Children, &c. Both Testament and Will have been printed in some book on the Walwayn family, Appx. p. 63-4.]

Book 'March' (Prerog. Court), leaf 253.

16 **I**N dei nomine Amen, &c' Ego, Thomas Walwayn, condo testamentum in hunc modum : In primis, lego animam meam deo omnipotenti, corpus-que meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Michel Marcle,<sup>1</sup> retro patrem & matrem meos. Item lego ecclesie Cathedrali

<sup>1</sup> *Much Marcle* (St. Bartholomew), a parish in the hundred of Greytrees, co. Hereford, 5 miles S.W. by W. from Ledbury, in the archdeaconry and diocese of Hereford.—Lewis.

Herefordensi .C. s'. Item volo quod Capellanus Canterie, per feoffatos meos fundate, statim celebret cotidie in ecclesia predicta pro anima mea & animabus patris [&] matris meorum, & animabus Antecessorum meorum. Item volo quod tertia pars monete <sup>1</sup>that may be hade of 4 Dene and Chalford<sup>2</sup> be sette by myn executours vppon the makynge of the stepeH of the chirche of Marcle; the second parte of the same goud, I wolle that hit helpe nede men oute of pryson, by the dysposicion of myn Executours, per most nede is; þ<sup>e</sup> remenant y 8 wolle hit be parted on tweyne: halfe to the pores nedy folk that bun yn Marcle paryssh, Kempeley, Dymmok, Ledbury, Aylton, Preston, Putley, Wolfhope, Solershope, and HowcapeH<sup>3</sup>; And þat other half be 3eifi to the maryage of yonge pore wommen <sup>4</sup>yn the 12 same parysshes by the disposicion of myn executours / and I wolle that ther be .x. M<sup>l</sup>. masses Isayde for me of gode prestes with aH hast, and my dette payed, and restitucion made ther eny wronge may be Ifounde be donn, (as I trust to god but lituH,) by myn executours. 16 And I woH that IsabeH my wyfe haue aH the necessaries, clothes, braas, and other instrumentes of aH myn houshold, And aH cloue-fote bestes that I haue, And aH my corne growyng and yn bernes atte Mercle and atte Massyngton, oute take xl. quarters of wete reserued 20 to fullfett with my wille, And an .C. mark of money. And I woH that<sup>5</sup> my enterement be holde with oute pompe, whyche may not profyt myn soule. And I woH that Richard my son haue tweyne my best hors, And .xl. pounde. Also I. wolle that Cristian my 24 doughter haue to here mariage an .C. li of the profites of longeford; Maclun and William, euerychon of hem .xx mark. Item lego priori Magne Maluerne .xl. li. Item lego Willelmo Walwayn, fratri meo

<sup>1</sup> The English part of the Latin Testament begins.

<sup>2</sup> These lands are directed by the Testator's English *Will*, to be sold by his Executors, to fulfil his Testament: see p. 25, at foot.

<sup>3</sup> In Glo'stershire are, *Kempeley*, 5½ m. N. W. by N. from Newent; *Dymock*, 3¾ m. N. N. W. from Newent; *Ledbury*; and *Aylton*, 4½ m. W. from Newent; and one *Putley*, W. of Aylton, and 5¾ m. W. from Ledbury. Another *Putley* is a township in the parish of *Woolhope*, co. Hereford, which is probably Wolfhope of our text, 7¾ m. W. by S. from Ledbury. *How-Caple* is in Herefordshire, 6 m. N. N. E. from Ross. *Sollers Hope* is west of Much Marcle, 7½ m. N. by E. from Ross, and a little farther S. W. of Ledbury.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 253, back.

<sup>5</sup> MS. that that.

.xx ii. [*Here follow other bequests, the appointment of executors—his wife Isabella (chief), John Walwayn of Stoke, testator's nephew Thomas, son of his said brother William Walwayn, John Prat, 4 chaplain, Richard Pecok, chaplain, & John Bullok—&c. all in Latin.*] Datum die martis in festo sancti Gregorii pape, Anno domini Millesimo Quadringentesimo quartodecimo.

[*Will of the Realty in Feoffees' hands.*]

[Wife to have for life, lands in Marcle, Ledbury and Eastnor. On her death, Marcle lands to son Richard in tail, with remainder to nephew Thomas, and then nephew William, both in tail. Ledbury and Eastnor lands to son Maclun in tail, with remainder to son William in tail, remainder to testator in tail. Son Richard and his wife Clemence, to have other lands, in tail, with remainder to nephew Thomas in tail, &c. Other land, to found a perpetual chantry. Thatley and Farley, to son Maclun in tail, with remainder to son William in tail, &c. Butterley and the Fen to son William in tail, with remainder to son Maclun in tail, &c. Longford to be held for 20 years by the Feoffees, and its profits (with sale-monies of Dean and Chalford) paid to testator's Executors to fulfil his Testament with. After the 20 years, Longford to go to Wife for life, with remainder to son William in tail, then to son Maclun in tail. Aylton to son Richard.]

The Wille of Thomas Walwayn to his feoffes of his londes yn  
 8 eueri place yn Engelonð, qwyche the forsaide Thomas requyreth his  
 feoffes that they perforne as they wolle ansswere a-fore god atte the  
 day of dome. And for aH the trust that he hath yn hem, ffurst I.  
 wolle that 3e make Isabelle, my weyf, goud estat of the londes rentes  
 12 that 3e bun feoffed In, yn Marcle paryssh, Ledebury paryssh, and  
 Estnore<sup>1</sup>, to holde hit to terme of here lyue; the remayndre, after her  
 deces, of the londes in Marcle and Marcle paryssh, to Richard my  
 son, and to hers of his body frelych be-gotun for euermore; pour  
 16 default of issu, to the hers of the body of the forsaide Thomas  
 Walwayn be-getun; And for de-faut of issu of Thomas, to William  
 Walwayn, brother of the forsayd Thomas Walwayn, and to hers of  
 his body frelych be-getun for euermore. the remayndre of the londes  
 20 yn ledebury and ledbury paryssh, and Estnore, to Maclun my sone,  
 and the hers of his body frelych be-gete; for default of issu of  
 Maclun, to William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelych

<sup>1</sup> Eastnor, a parish in the hundred of Radlow, co. Hereford, 2½ m. S. E. by E. from Ledbury, Herefordshire.—Lewis.

be-gete for euermore; and for default of issu of the forsaid<sup>1</sup> W. my sone, remayndre to the hers of my body frelych be-gete &c vt supra. Also I wolle that his feoffes enfeofe Richard his sone, and clemens his wyfe, yn Kynespeawyn, hyde, Byllyngeslond yn <sup>4</sup> Rwaren, the rent that he boght atte Horcle, to haue to hem, and to the hers bytwex hem tweyn frelych be-gete, for euermore; for default of issu by-twex hem be-gete, the remayndre to the hers of Thomas Walwaynes body be-gete, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that my feoffes, <sup>8</sup> 3e geuyn Braynesplace and Coycellesplace Bevlmulle (?)<sup>1</sup>, the lond atte Dymokeschasteh,<sup>2</sup> yn-to a chaunterie yn marclechyrch, by the dysposicion of my executours, for a prest to seynge ther perpetually. Also I. wolle that my feoffes mak estat to Maclun my sone, of <sup>12</sup> Thatteley and Farley,<sup>3</sup> to hym and to the hers of his body; for default of the forsaide Maclun, to William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelych be-gete; for de-faut of issu, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that my forsaid feoffes make estat of Butterley and of the fenne, <sup>16</sup> to <sup>4</sup>William my sone, and to the hers of his body frelych be-gete; for default of issu of William, to Maclun and to the hers, &c, vt supra, Remanere. Also I. wolle that my feoffes kepun Longeford yn here honde thys .xx. 3eres, delyueryng the profites ther-of to my <sup>20</sup> executours to fulfille-wyth my testament. And after the .xx. 3eres terminated, I. wolle that Isabelle my weyf [haue] it to terme of her lyue wyth-oute empeschement of wast; the remayndre, after deces of here, to Wylliam my sone, and to hers of his body frelych be-getun; <sup>24</sup> for default of William my sone, to maclun and to the hers of his body frelych be-getun: for default of issu of maclun, &c, vt supra. Also I wolle that of my londe of Dene and Chalford,<sup>5</sup> I wolle hit be

<sup>1</sup> read 'Ceycells place, Beblemulle' in a former print.

<sup>2</sup> ? in *Dymock* (St. Mary), a parish in the hundred of Botloe, co. Glo'ster, 3½ m. N.N.W. from Newent.—Lewis.

<sup>3</sup> *Farley* may be *Farlow*, in the parish of Stottesden, 5½ m. N.W. by N. from Cleobury Mortimer, in Herefordshire.—Lewis.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 254.

<sup>5</sup> *Dene* may be *Mitchell* (A.Sax. *mycel*, great) *Dean*, the chief town of the Forest of Dean, a market-town and parish in Glostershire, 11 m. W. of Glo'ster, or *Little Dean*, on the verge of the forest, 1½ m. N.W. by N. from Newnham, Glostershire.—Lewis.

*Chalford* may be Chalford in the parish of Bisley, Glostershire, 4 m. S.E. by E. from Stroud.—Lewis.

sholde by myn executours to fullefill wyth my testament. Also Aylton remayneth to Richard my sone.

[*Codicil, in Latin.*]

Memorandum, *quod* Thomas Walwayn. Armiger, de Comitatu Hereford, compos mentis, decimo nono die mensis maij, Anno domini Millesimo .CCCC. quintodecimo, recitans se nuper fecisse et condidisse suum testamentum super disposicione bonorum suorum, ad idem testamentum, per viam Codicilli, superaddebat & voluit quod  
 4  
 8 [&c. appoints his son Richard one of his executors, &c.].  
 (Testament, Will & Codicil, proved by Isabella the widow, & Richard the son, on May 20, 1416; "and afterwards on 21 May a Commission was directed to the Prior of Great Malvern to make a  
 12 Grant to the other Executors.—(*Folio 32 Marche, C. P. C.*)."]

THOMAS BROKE, LANDOWNER, OF HOLDITCH,  
 THORNCOMBE, DEVONSHIRE, 1417.

[To be buried in Thorncombe Church, under a plain flat stone; not in a coffin, but only a cloth; and no feast to be held. But 300 Poor to be fed, and have 3d. each, and 300 Children 1d. Poor tenants to have £20 among em; the poorest tenant £100; and £10 and more to go as restitution for wrong-doing. £100 to poor Blind and Lame. Residue to Wife.]

(March, leaf 316, back, Prerog. Court.)

In the name of the Lorde of all Lordes, the almyghty ymmortal Trinite, I, wrychyd Synner, Thomas Broke, in gode Mynde, and out of Sekenesse, make my testament, 3yf it be the wiht of god, in this  
 16 maner, praying him, of his hye yndelesse mercy, fouchesafe to receyue my wreched vncleue soule in-to his mercy, and kepe hyt fram dampnacion, for the meke passyoun and deth that his debonure sonne, oure lord Ihesu Crist, Soffred on the Crosse for Cherite & pety  
 20 of mankynd. And my wyht is, that my body be Beryed in the Chirchney of the Paryschchurch of Thornecombe<sup>1</sup>, as men goth ouer

<sup>1</sup> *Thorncombe* (St. Mary), a parish (formerly a market-town) forming a detachd portion of the hundred of Axminster, co. Devon, 6½ m. S.W. by W. from Axminster. The owner of the old Cistercian Abbey at Ford in this parish, 'holds a court at Holditch' (see page 27).—Lewis.



in-to<sup>1</sup> þe church at þe South Syde, ryȝte as they mowe stappe on  
 me / and a flat<sup>2</sup> playne stone, saue my name ygraueð þar-In, that  
 men mowe the rather haue mynde on me, and pray for me. And  
 nether<sup>3</sup> wheche<sup>2</sup>, ne leede, to be leyde in / bote a grete Clothe to hely<sup>4</sup>  
 my foule Caryn; and of Torchis, bote .iiij., and .iiij. taprys; Ande  
 no fest<sup>5</sup> noþer terment<sup>6</sup> yhold<sup>7</sup>, bot .iiij., Masses atte my buryyng<sup>8</sup>,  
 saue CCC poure men schullen haue mete & drynke ynowe, and  
 euery man and woman of ham .iiij. d., & euery chyld<sup>9</sup> of .CCC. 8  
 Childerne .I. [d.], yf þer be so many Childerne / and .xiiij. poure men  
 clothed<sup>10</sup> in Russett ylyned<sup>11</sup> witt white, and euery of ham to haue  
 .viiij. d. / and I bequethe to my poure tenauntes of Holdych, Hotham,  
 Cherd<sup>12</sup>, Coteleygh<sup>13</sup>, & Wycrofte<sup>14</sup>, that haueth yȝeue to me Capouns & 12  
 bederpes<sup>15</sup> and Plouwys, ȝouȝe<sup>16</sup> þey be nouȝte my tenauntes, I wiȝt þat  
 myn executours do her gre by god discrecion atte þe value of xx ti  
 amonge hame / and if any oþer man or woman be, that Cane Pleyne  
 hym þat ich haue oppressed<sup>17</sup> hym, or do wrange to him, oþer yete 16  
 with my bestys his Corne oþer his grase, and nouȝte amendit<sup>18</sup> hit to  
 hym; to amende such trespasses, I bequethe x. ti. : and I bequethe to  
 aȝ my pourest tenauntes, where þat þey be, excepte ham þat I haue  
 ynemned<sup>19</sup> in þis bok to-for, C. ti. in mony / and I bequethe to Poure 20  
 men blynd and lame .C. ti. and to sum trew man, by good discrecyon  
 to do party<sup>20</sup> the mony forseyd<sup>21</sup> / and namelych iff ych haue do wronge  
 to eny of my tenauntes<sup>22</sup> or mys tak hir good<sup>23</sup>, I wiȝt þat it be restored<sup>24</sup>  
 to ham, whether<sup>25</sup> it be Man or woman, be avysement<sup>26</sup> of myn 24  
 Executours, as þey wiȝt aunswere to-for god<sup>27</sup> at þe dome / and þe  
 resyduwe of aȝ my goodys and Cateȝ, in this my testament<sup>28</sup> nouȝte

<sup>1</sup> þ is printed for y.<sup>2</sup> ? hutch, chest, coffin.<sup>3</sup> There is a Chard in Somerset, 13 m. S.E. by S. from Taunton, and 12 E. from Honiton in Devon.—Lewis.<sup>4</sup> Cotleigh, a parish in the hundred of Colyton, co. Devon, 3 m. E.N.E. from Honiton.—Lewis.<sup>5</sup> Cp. Henry de Microft.—Prince's *Worthies of Devon*, 1810, p. 495.<sup>6</sup> *Bedrepes*. Days of work performed in harvest time by the customary tenants, at the bidding of their lords. See Cullum's *Hawsted*, 1784, p. 189. Hall's Gloss. The word is in Thorpe's *Ancient Laws*, i. 436, l. 4, and the new Bosworth's A.-Sax. Dict. Prof. Skeat says it "is from A.Sax. *beod-an*, to bid, summon, and A.S. *rip*, later M.E. *rép*, a reaping (Stratmann gives *rép*). Cf. *bid-ale*. The sense is 'reaping done by summoned men.'"<sup>7</sup> though. <sup>8</sup> ? MS. amende. <sup>9</sup> cause to be parted, divided. <sup>10</sup> leaf 317.

bequethede, ych 3eue Holelych, and bequethe, to Iohane my wyfe, reseruyng always to me volle power to chaunge pis testament, oper to mak hit more, oper to amenusy hit, oper to vndo hit aH, as ofte as  
 4 me Lusteth, or whanne pat me lyketh, duryng my Lyfe. and to do good and trewe execucion of pis my testament, ych ordeyne and mak myne Executours, Iohane my wyfe, William Brerdon, sir Iohn Dey, parson of Bageworthe<sup>1</sup>, Raufe Perceuale, sir Edward Osbourne, vicary  
 8 of Thornecombe. This testament is my volle & hole wille þe day of þe date of pis my testament, the date in my Manour of Holdech, on Setrysdai in þe vygyle of þe Holy Trynyte, the 3ere of grace & of þe incarnacyoun of oure Lorde Ihesu Criste, M<sup>i</sup>, CCCC.<sup>mo</sup> xv<sup>o</sup>. Thys  
 12 twey Lynis I wrete almeste with myn owne Hond.

*Probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt &c, v<sup>o</sup>. die Februarij, anno domini Millesimo CCCC .xvij<sup>o</sup> &c, & commissa administracio bonorum domino Edward Osbourne, vicario  
 16 ecclesie parochiane de Thornecombe &c. Reseruata potestate &c. & habent diem ad exhibendum Inuentarium primo die iuridico post sanctum Pasche proximum in futuro &c, & subsequenter acquistancia fuit dicto executori &c.*

### JOHN SOLAS, OF SOUTHWARK, SURREY, 1418.

[To be buried in St. George's, Southwark. Gifts to that Church, its Priests and Clerk. Gifts of gowns and money to Servants and others, and of half a year's rent to E. Veel. Residue to Wife.]

(March, quire 42, lf. 337.)

20 In the name of the fader and the sone and the holy-gost, atte hye reuerens of oure lord Ihesu Criste, and of ys blessed moder seynte Marie, and of seynt Iohan the Ewangelist and al other holy seyntes of heuene, I, Ion Solas of Southwerk, in good mynde and good  
 24 deliberacion, my testament I make yn thys forme: atte begynnyng I be-quethe my soule to our lord Ihesu Crist and to oure lady seynte

<sup>1</sup> There's a Badgworth in Somerset, 2½ m. S.W. by W. from Axbridge.

Marie, and to alle alevs<sup>1</sup> of heuene / And my body to be beret in the northpart of the Church of seynt Gorge of Soutwerke / Also I be-quethe to that same Churchewerk C s'. Al-so I be-quethe to the hye auter I Marc / Also I be-quethe to euery preste that ther 4 syngyth the day of my berynge / iiij d / Also I be-quethe the Clerk of the same Church xl. d. Al-so I be-quethe to Iohn Euenwode iiij nobls, and a gounne newe of blak. al-so I be-quethe to Thomas Elyot xx s' [&] a gounne of blak. Al-so I. be-quethe to Ion Costert my 8 seruaunt, x s' and a gounne . . Also I be-quethe to Richard my seruaunt I. noble, and a gounne and a doblet. Al-so y be-quethe to Ione<sup>2</sup> Batesey, xl d and a gounne / Al-so y wole that my wyfe and al my chyl dren be atte my berynge, yn case they leue. Also I for-zeue 12 Edeyn Veel / V Marc / of here rente for an alfyere, yn case I deye. Al-so I be-quethe to Ion Bryxhyt a gounne. al-so I be-quethe to Thomas Wade a gounne. Al-so I be-quethe to William Mymmes a gounne, and to Anneys ys wyfe a gounne. Also <sup>3</sup>I be-quethe to Ion 16 Archer a gounne. Also I be-quethe to Adam Rigge a gounne / The remenaunt of my godys that be not be-quethe ne zeuen, I be-quethe to Ione my wyfe, for to do and ordeyne as sche thyngyth best, and as sche wole answere atte hey day of Iugement / To thys testament to 20 ordeyne and parforme, I make myn executours, my wyfe a-boue seyde, Robert Bromesbury and William Horton. In the wytnesse of the wyche thyng, I haue set to my sele. I-zeuen atte South-werk in the porsche of seynt Gorges, the xij day of Iuly, the 3ere of our 24 lord Ihesu Crist M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xvij. *Probatum fuit testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt, Comissario &c, vicesimo secundo die Mensis Iulij, anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xvij<sup>mo</sup>. Et comissa fuit administracio Iohanne, Vxori & Executrici dicti defuncti, &c.* 28 Reseruata potestate &c.

<sup>1</sup> hallows, saints.<sup>2</sup> ? MS. Ioern.<sup>3</sup> leaf 337, back. 'Also' is repeated in the MS.

## JOHN CHELMYSWYK, ESQ., SHROPSHIRE, 1418.

[Gives £5 to Quatford church for his soul's sake. 40s. each to the Friars of Bridgnorth, Woodhouse, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, London; and to the Prisoners in Ludgate, Newgate, and the Marshalsea; and 20s. each to the 6 London Hospitals; to sing 30 Masses, and pray for his soul, his late wife's, his grandmother's, &c. £70 for 2 priests to sing 7 years for his soul, at Bridgnorth, and £2 for their vestments, and £7 to keep his Year's Mind there for 7 years; and at each Mind 20s. to be given to the Bridgnorth poor. Jonet, his 2nd wife, to have (for her dowry, &c.) £40 and his household goods, save gold and silver, &c. 6 silver sawcers to be made into 2 Chalices for the 7-year priests. Wife to have his Manor of Staverton for life (with remainder to his heirs in tail), and let Emot Roe, her mother, have Aspley, for which he's given his Bond for £400 to John Roe. If testator dies childless, Staverton to be sold, and the produce go in Charity and Masses. If his wife Jonet turns her mother out of Aspley, she's to be turned out of Staverton, which is to go to his heirs in tail, or be sold as aforesaid. Manors of Hay and Tasley to be sold and applied to Charity and Masses. If wife Jonet keeps sole for a year, her state's to be kept up free. Gold chain, &c. to Wife. Silver dishes, money, furred gowns, &c. to Executors. Residue to be applied in Charity and Masses £5 to Tasley Church; and bedding, hangings, &c. to the Parson of Tasley and R. Crowder.]

(March, 1f. 335 bk., P. C.)

<sup>1</sup>In the name of God, Amen, the iiij<sup>e</sup> day of the monthe of April<sup>e</sup>,  
The 3ere of god a M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xvij<sup>e</sup>, and the 3ere of the regne of kyng<sup>e</sup>  
Henry the V<sup>e</sup> after the conquest, vj<sup>e</sup>. I. Iohn<sup>e</sup> Chelmyswyk<sup>e</sup>, squier  
4 of Shropshire, hole of mynde & in my gode memorie beyng,  
ordeyne & make my present testament of my last wille in this  
manere / ffirst I recomende my saule to almyghty god, to oure lady  
seint marie virgine hys moder, & to alle the Seintes in heuene, and  
8 my body for to be beryed where god of his mercy for me wolle  
dispose. Also I bequethe to the werkis of the body of the  
Parysshchirche of Seint Marie Magdaleyn<sup>e</sup> of Quatford<sup>e</sup> <sup>2</sup>in Shropshire,

<sup>1</sup> 'Testamentum Johannis Chelmiswyk' in margin.

<sup>2</sup> Quatford (St. Mary Magdalene), a parish partly in the boro' of Bridgenorth, but chiefly in the hundred of Stottesden, Shropshire, 2 m. S.E. from Bridge-north.—Lewis.

& to ordeyne vestmentis & ornamentis in the same Chirche nedefull, after the discrecioun of my Executours, so that my soule be recommended in Goddys service there, C s'. Item I be-quethe to the freres Menours of Bryggenorth, to do singe for my soule, and for the 4 soules of my fader & moder, Thomas my sone, Elyanore late my wyf, Ionet Chelmeswyk<sup>1</sup> my Graundame, and alle my god fryndys soules, & for alle cristene soules, the hole Seint Gregories TrentaH<sup>1</sup>, & to praye deuotely for my soule & the soules aforseyde, xl s'. Item I 8 bequethe in the same manere and condicioun to the ffreres of Wodehouse xl s'. Item I be-quethe in the same manere and condicioun to eueryche <sup>2</sup>of the thre Ordres of freres in Shrovesbury xl s'. Item I be-quethe in the same manere and condicioun to eueryche of 12 the twey Ordres of. ffreres in ludlowe xl s'. Item I be-quethe, to fynde Twey honestes prestes to singe goddys service for my soule, & for the soules aforseid<sup>3</sup>, in the Chaunterie of the Chirche of Seint Leonarde in Brigge-north be vij zere next folwyng<sup>4</sup> after my desese, 16 lxx ti of sterlinges, that ys to wete, euery preste takyng<sup>4</sup> for hys salarie be zere, C s'. Item I be-quethe to the mending<sup>4</sup> of the feble<sup>3</sup> & foule weye beside Portmannes Crosse fast by Briggenorth, xl s'. Item I be-quethe to eueryche of the iiij Ordres of freres in p<sup>e</sup> Citee of 20 London, that ys to wete, Prechours, Menours, Austyns, & Carmes,<sup>4</sup> xl s', so that eueryche of p<sup>e</sup> forsaide iiij Ordres do singe for my soule, and for the soules a-forsaide, the hole seint Gregories TrentaH, and pray for my soule and for the soules a-forsaide. Item I 24 be-quethe viij s' iiij d to do singe for me Soule, & for de Soules aforsaide, C masses in oo day. Item I be-quethe to the prisoners of Ludgate in London, to pray for my soule & for de soules a-forsaide, xx s'. Item I be-quethe, vp p<sup>e</sup> same condicioun, to p<sup>e</sup> prisoners of 28 Newgate in London, xl. s'. Item I bequethe, vp p<sup>e</sup> same condicioun, to the prisoners of the Marschalsie, xx s'. Item I bequethe to p<sup>e</sup> pore hospitaies, that is to say, Seint Marie spiteH with-oute Bis-

<sup>1</sup> This Trental (*triginta-lis*) was 30 Masses, 8 on each of the 10 chief Festivals of the year: Christmas, the Circumcision, Mary's Purification, the Annunciation, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Mary's Assumption, and her Nativity (Sept. 8). See the poem *Trentalle Sancti Gregorii*, in my *Religious, Political, and Love Poems*, E. E. T. Soc. 1866, p. 87.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 336.

<sup>3</sup> MS. fevle.

<sup>4</sup> For these Orders of Friars, see p. 16, 17 n.

shoppesgate<sup>1</sup>, Bedlem, Seint Thomas in Southwerk<sup>1</sup>, Seint Antonies  
 Elsyng<sup>1</sup> spiteH<sup>2</sup>, Seint Bartil-mewes in Smythfeld in London, Seint  
 Gyles beside Holbourne, that is to wete, to eueryche hospitaH,  
 4 to parte a-monge pore folk<sup>1</sup> there, xx s'. to pray for my soule & de  
 soules aforsaide. Item I bequethe to do ordeyne & bye ij vestment's  
 to serue to the forsaide ij Prestes that shull singe for me in the  
 forsaide Chaunterie in the Chirche of seint Leonarde in Briggenorth,  
 8 xl. s'. Also I wille that after the forsayde ij Prestes haue fulfilled  
 here vij 3ere seruice aforsaide, that than the forsaide ij. vestmentes  
 shuH remayne & duelle stiH alwey in the forsaide Chaunterie to serue  
 the prestes of the same Chaunterie, to the worships of God, as so  
 12 longe as th[e]y may endure. Al-so y bequethe to do make & holde  
 my Mynde euery 3ere duryng vij 3ere next folwyng<sup>1</sup> after my desese,  
 in the forsaide Chirche of Seint Leonarde honestliche, & to do  
 recomende my soule & p<sup>e</sup> soules aforsaide in p<sup>e</sup> same mynde, vij fi,  
 16 that is to wete, to spende atte euery mynde, xx s'. Item I bequethe  
 other vij fi to 3eue to poremen in the same vij 3ere, that is to sey,  
 atte euery mynde xx s', for to be delet in Briggenorth after the  
 discrecioun of myne Executours, for to pray for my soule<sup>3</sup> & for the  
 20 soules aforsaide / Item I bequethe to Ionet my wyfe, in the name of  
 here Dowerye & of here parte belonging to here of al my godes  
 mobles, xl. fi of sterlinges, and all my beddyng & naperie, and alle  
 myne arraye & necessities in my chambre, and alle othere meuable  
 24 Godes ther-in beyng<sup>1</sup>, and alle manere apparaillement & necessities  
 longynge to the body of the same Ionet, Outake Golde & syluer, &  
 myne owne werynge clothes, ij peire of my best shetes, & vj disshes  
 & vj Sawcers of seluer. The wyche shetes .I. bequeth, that is to  
 28 say, a peire to Sire William Lochard, And the tother peire to  
 Maister Ion MarchaH, Dene of Briggenorth. Item I bequethe the

<sup>1</sup> St. Mary Spittle, in Shoreditch, founded by Walter Brune, Mercer of London, and Rosia his wife, A.D. 1197. See Stow's *Survey*, 1720, vol. i., Bk II. p. 97, with the account of Q. Elizabeth's grand procession from the Spittle in April 1559, with 1000 armd men, cannons, drums, flutes, trumpets, morice-dancings, and 2 White Bears in a cart.

<sup>2</sup> ? St. Anthony's Hospital in the parish of St. Benet Fink, Broad St. Ward, London. This was the 'Anthonie' or 'Tanthony Pig,' place.—Stow's *Survey*, vol. i., Bk II. p. 120, ed. 1720.

<sup>3</sup> MS. may be 'saule.'

forsaide vij sawcers, to do make there-of Twey Chalicees to serue the  
 forsaide Twey prestes in þ<sup>e</sup> forsaide Chaunterie duryng the forsaide  
 vij ȝere. And After the vij ȝere be fulfellet, I wolle that the same  
 Twey Chalicees shuþ Abyde in the same Chaunterie to the worships 4  
 of god for euere more. Item I bequethe to the same Ionet my wyf  
 my Maner of Staverton<sup>1</sup> with the appurtenaunces, in the shire  
 of Gloucestre, to haue & to holde, terme of here lyfe, doynge to the  
 Chief lordes of þat fee the Seruice ther-of due, & of rygh[t] Cus- 8  
 tume / Vp condicioun that the same Ionet suffre Emot, here moder,  
 to reioise peisibly, & to haue & to holde, terme of the lyf of the same  
 Emot, the Maner of Aspleye<sup>2</sup> with the appurtenaunces ; And al-so vp  
 condicioun that þ<sup>e</sup> same Ionet saue and kepe harmeles myn heirs & 12  
 executours a-ȝens Iohn Roe that hath wedded the forsaide Emot, of  
 a Obligacioun<sup>3</sup> of CCCC li that I. am bounde to hym, vp condicioun  
 that the same Emot shal holde & occupie peisible, terme of her lyfe,  
 the forsaide maner with<sup>4</sup> the appurtenaunces, with-out distourbaunce 16  
 of me or of Ionet my wyf, our heires or assynes. And I wille that  
 after the decese of Ionet my wyf, the forsaide manere of Staverton  
 with the appurtenaunces, duelle & remayne to the heires of my body  
 lawfully be-gete, & to here heires & assignes for euere more, doynge to 20  
 þ<sup>e</sup> chieff lordes of þ<sup>e</sup> fee, þ<sup>e</sup> seruice there-of due & of right custume.  
 And ȝif I dye with-out heires of my body lawfully begete, than I  
 wolle that, after the decese of the same Ionet my wif, the forsaide  
 Manere of Staverton with the appurtenaunces be solde be my ffeffes 24  
 & my Executours in the best manere that they may, and that the  
 money that cometh there-of be disposet in werkes of charite, &  
 in masses to be songe for my saule & for the soules aforsaide, after  
 the discrecioun of the forsaide sillers. And ȝif so be that [the] 28  
 forsaide Jonet my wyf put oute the forsaide Emet here modir,  
 in here lyf of the forsait Manere of Aspleye with the appurtenaunces,  
 & þat may be recorded be Trewe men, than y wille that the same  
 Ionet be vtterliche excluded & voyded fro the forsaide Manere 32  
 of Staverton with the appurtenaunces, & þat she haue no profet

<sup>1</sup> Staverton in the hundred of Deerhurst, 4½ m. W. by N. from Cheltenham.

<sup>2</sup> There's an Aspley in Warwickshire, 4 or 5 m. N.W. of Henley in Arden.

<sup>3</sup> MS. Olligacioun.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 336, back.

per-of, terme of here lyf. But than that þ<sup>e</sup> same Manere of Stauerton, whyt appurtenaunces, remayne to myn heirs of my body frely begete & lawfully, ant to here heirs & assignes for euere more ;  
 4 and zif þat I dey with-oute heire of my body lawfully be-gete, than I wolle þat þ<sup>e</sup> same manere with þ<sup>e</sup> appurtenaunces be solde, and the mony there-of comynge, to be disposed in werkes of cherite, & in masses to be songe for my soule & þ<sup>e</sup> soules aforesaid. Item  
 8 I bequethe to sille after my decese be myne Executours, zif I dey whyt-oute heire of my body lawfully begete, my Maners of the Haye & Tasseleye<sup>1</sup> with here appurtenaunces, & my partie of the place of Lynches, & my tenement with þ<sup>e</sup> appurtenaunces in Halgot  
 12 in Shropshire, & alle my other londes and tenementes with here appurtenaunces in the same shire; and that the mony ther-of comyng, be disposed in workes of cherite & in masses to be songe<sup>2</sup> be ordinaunces of myne Executours for my soule and for þ<sup>e</sup> soules  
 16 aforesaid. Item I wille that zif Ionet my wif kepe here soole, with-oute husbonde, Twelf-monthe after my decese, than she ffounde be of my goddes durynge þat zere in alle here costes, after þ<sup>e</sup> same honeste and degre as she is founde þ<sup>e</sup> day of makynge of this testa-  
 20 ment. Item I bequethe to the same Ionet, my furre of Calabre, my best Cheyne of Gold, a doseyn spones of siluer, and a pece of siluer. Item I bequethe to Iohn Yate, myn vncl, vp condicioun that he be one of myn Executours, & take ministracioun of thys testament, vj  
 24 dysshes of siluer, & my best Girdiſſ of siluer. Item I bequethe, vp the same condicion, to Iohn Page of Oxenbolde, x ti of sterlinges. Item I bequethe, vp the same condicioun, to Iohn Lemman, Citezein & Skynner of London, x ti of sterlinges, & my worstede Goune with  
 28 þ<sup>e</sup> furre, & my Baselard harneysed with siluer. Item I be-quethe, vp the same condicioun, to Iohn Baldok, Citezein & Waxchaundeler of London, x marc, & my furre of Fycheux<sup>3</sup>. Item I be-quethe to the

<sup>1</sup> *Tasley*, a parish in the hundred of Stottesden, Shropshire, 1½ m. N.W. by W. from Bridgenorth. There's a *Hey* in the parish of Ashton-under-Lyne, hundred of Salford, Lancashire, 2 m. E. from Oldham.

<sup>2</sup> MS. sonde.

<sup>3</sup> The Foumart or foul Mart(ern),—*Mustela Putorius*, Lin.—'is likewise called the *Polecat*, or *Fitchet* . . . its ears are short, broad, and tipt with white on their edges; it is white about the mouth; the rest of the body is for the most part of a deep-chocolate colour: the sides are covered with hairs of two colours,



wyf of þ<sup>e</sup> forsaide Iohn<sup>n</sup> Lemman, my litiſt Cheyne of Gold<sup>ſ</sup> that  
 ſerueth for myne arms. Item I bequethe to Symond<sup>n</sup> Wrenchin,  
 Skynner, my Bastard Swerd<sup>1</sup>. The Residue of alle my Godes & my  
 Catallys mebles, where euere that they be, after my dettis payde and 4  
 my questes fulfilled, & my ſepulcure made, I bequethe to myn<sup>n</sup>  
 Executours, to diſpoſe hit for my ſoule & for the ſoules aforſaid, in  
 werkes of Charite, and in maſſes to be ſonge, as they ſe moſt  
 pleaſaunce to god, & hele to my ſoule & to the ſoules aforſaide. Of 8  
 this teſtament I make & ordeyne myn<sup>n</sup> Executours, that is to ſey, the  
 forsaide Iohn<sup>n</sup> Yate, Iohn<sup>n</sup> Page, Iohn<sup>n</sup> Lemman, & Iohn<sup>n</sup> Baldok, that  
 they trewly ffulfille my laſt wille as I truſt in hem. In weteſneſſe of  
 wheche thing, to thys Teſtament I haue put my ſele: the date is 12  
 the day & the 3<sup>re</sup> aforſaide. Item I bequethe to the werkis of the  
 body of the Pariſſhe Chirche of Taſſeley in Shropſhire, & to ordeyne  
 veſtmentes & ornamentes in the ſame Chirche nedeful, after the  
 diſcrecion of myne<sup>2</sup> Executours, ſo that my ſoule be recommendid 16  
 There in goddys ſeruiſe, C s. Item I wolle that ſire Iohn<sup>n</sup>  
 Hogenes, perſon<sup>n</sup> of Taſſeley, & Richard<sup>n</sup> Crowder, haue and reioiſe  
 alle the huſtilmentis<sup>3</sup> of Beddyng<sup>n</sup>, hallyng<sup>n</sup><sup>4</sup>, pottys & pannes, &  
 peauter veſſeH þat I left in keypyng<sup>n</sup> atte hay & Briggenorth, To haue 20  
 & holde for here Rewarde that I am holde to hem. Probatum fuit  
 hoc <sup>5</sup>coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt, Comiſſario, xiiij<sup>mo</sup> die Menſis  
 Nouembris anno domini M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xvij<sup>o</sup>, et comiſſa eſt adminiſ-  
 tracio Executoribus in eodem teſtamento nominatis, & habent diem ad 24  
 exhibendum Inuentorium & c<sup>i</sup>: et ſextodecimo die dicti Menſis  
 Nouembris, acquietati ſunt Executores per finem .xx. s./

the ends being dark like the reſt of the body, and the middle of a full tawny  
 colour.' Its tail is 6 in. long, and its body about 17. Bewick, *Hist of Quad-*  
*rupeds*, 1800, p. 252.

<sup>1</sup> 'The forme . . . of this Ile [England] is three cornered . . like vnto a  
 triangle, *bastard sword*, wedge, or partesant, being broadest in the ſouth part,  
 and gathering ſtill narrower and narrower, till it come to the fartheſt point of  
 Cathneſſe northward, where it is narroweſt of all.'—Harrington's *Description of*  
*Britaine*, in Holinshed's *Chronicle*, 1587, i. 2, at foot.

<sup>2</sup> The MS. repeats 'Item I bequethe to the werkis of the body of the Pariſſhe  
 chirche of Taſſeley.'

<sup>3</sup> *Hostilement*, *hostillemenz*: Meubles, utensiles, instrumens de labourage . . .  
*hostiller*, garnir, munir.—Roquefort.

<sup>4</sup> Hallyng, hangings for a hall.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 337, Quire 43.

## THOMAS TVOKY, ESQUIRE, 1418.

[Will incomplete. Gives beds, and 3 green-silk nets for curtains, down pillows, gowns furred with Martins, Genets, wild Cats, black Lamb, Beaver and Otter; doublets of defence coverd with leather; cloaks, a tablecloth, &c.]

(March, 346, back.)

<sup>1</sup>In the name of <sup>2</sup>þe fader and þe sone and þe holy goost, almyghty god. I. Thomas Tvoky, þorow godis grace esquier, make my testament in þis wyse. first I. be-queþe my sowle to almyghty god, and to  
4 his moder & mayden Marie, and to aH þe Seyntes of Heuen / also my body to Holy erthe, wher that godys wil is, to be buried; also al myn Harneys, þat is to say, a bed of Lyn wit a hool silour<sup>3</sup> and Couerlet of þe same wroght wit mapil leues and fret of .iiij. foitH, & iiij.  
8 nettes of Silk grene for quirtayns for the same bed / also a bed of red and grene <sup>4</sup>dimi Selour<sup>3</sup> wit .iiij. quirtayns of worsted; also þat on in warde of Anneys Elyngton, and a paire of schetes, .ij. paire of Blancketes, .ij. paire of schetes, .j. pylow of Doun, lengh of a yerð, .ij.  
12 Pylows of doun, lengh euerych of half a 3erð; also .vj. reof quissheens of worsted, .iiij. in ward of þe same Anneys; also a Materas for a bed; also a gowne of Sch[a]rlet wit broð sleues furred with gray; also a gowne of blew worsted furred wit protes<sup>5</sup> and polles of  
16 Martrons<sup>6</sup>; Also a gowne of gray russet furred wit Ionetis<sup>7</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> 'Testamentum Thome Tovky' in margin.

<sup>2</sup> þ is printed for initial and central y.

<sup>3</sup> Canopy of a bed. Fr. *ciel*, L. *cælum*, heaven.

<sup>4</sup> † MS: duni.

<sup>5</sup> MS. protes.

<sup>6</sup> The Martin 'is the most beautiful of all the Weasel kind,' about 18 in. long; body-fur, dark brown, on the belly paler; head brown, mixt with red; throat and breast white.—Bewick, *Hist of Quadrupeds*, 1800, p. 265-7.

<sup>7</sup> The Genet, *Viverra Genetta*, Lin., is found in Turkey, Syria, and Spain. Its colours are beautifully variegated, and its fur valuable. Its body 'is longer than that of the Martin . . its hair soft, smooth, and shining; of a tawny red colour, spotted with black: along the ridge of the back there is a kind of mane of long hair, which forms a black line from head to tail; the spots on the sides are round and distinct; those on the back almost close: its tail is long, and marked with seven or eight rings of black. From an orifice beneath its tail, it yields a kind of perfume, which smells faintly of musk.'—Bewick, *Hist. of Quadrupeds*, 4th ed., 1800, p. 288-9.

<sup>1</sup>wylde Catis; also a gowne of grene frese, in ward, & c<sup>2</sup>, furred with blak Lambe; also in ward & c, a furre of beuer and oter medled; also a Hewk<sup>3</sup> of grene and other melly parted; also a Doubeled of defence couered with red Leper; also ij. remenauntz of the Lynne bed; [al]so 4 xij. quysshons; also a Cloke of Blake russet; Also a Dobelet couered with Blak gote Leper; also a bordcloth the Lenghe of .v. 3erdes of werk; also a towayl of werk, Lenghe .xj. 3erdes.

### STEPHEN THOMAS, OF LEE, ESSEX, 1417-18.

[*Latin Testament.* Chaplain to do Masses for a year for Testator's Soul, &c. Poor of Lee to have 12*d.* each. Residue to Executors, to lay out for Testator's soul.

[*English Will.* Executors appointed, and given 20*s.* each. Certain folk to have the 1st Option of buying goods: produce to go to the aisle of Lee Church. Wife to have her dwelling-place for her life. Debts sworn-to, to be paid. Lee poor to have 12*d.* each; 'Jankyn clerk' 12*d.* [Cp. Chaucer's *Wife of Bath's Preamble*, l. 595, 628], others 6*d.*; Hadley poor 4*d.* each. Gifts to Relatives. Debts owing by and to Testator, named.]

(March (P. P. C.), ff. 358.

[*margin.*] Testamentum Stephani Thomas, de la lye in Comitatu Essexie. [*The Codicil made at Rouen*, p. 40.]

**I**N dei nomine Amen. Mensis Maij, die octauo, anno domini 8 Millesimo CCC<sup>mo</sup> xvij<sup>mo</sup>, Ego Stephanus Thomas, de la Lye in Comitatu Essexie, meum condo testamentum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam omnipotenti deo, & beate Marie Virgini, ac omnibus sanctis; corpus que meum ad sepeliendum in noua Ela 12 coram summo altar[i] ecclesie dicte ville. Item lego summo altari eiusdem ecclesie, xx s'. Item lego ad habendum vnum Capellanum ydoneum diuina<sup>4</sup> in dicta ecclesia per vnum annum integrum celebratura pro anima mea, & animabus omnium benefactorum 16 meorum, & omnium fidelium defunctorum. Item lego cuilibet

<sup>1</sup> leaf 347. MS. repeats 'and.'

<sup>2</sup> ? 'in ward of Anneys Elyngtone,' like the bed and cushions above.

<sup>3</sup> *Houque*: Espèce de robe à l'usage des deux sexes.—Rochefort.

<sup>4</sup> divine services.

pauperi, tam homini quam mulieri, in *predicta villa moranti*, xij d. Item lego cuilibet capellano ad exequias, & ad missam altam venienti, xij d. Item lego clerico *parochiali ecclesie predictae*, xij d. Item  
 4 lego cuilibet clerico ad *dictas exequias & missam venientem*, vj d. Residuum vero *omnium bonorum & catallorum meorum*, do & lego Matilde, *uxori mee*, Iacobo Triche & Iohanni Camp. Ipsos-que Matildam, Iacobum & Iohannem, facio *executores meos*, *dicta bona &*  
 8 *catalla ad disponendum prout anime mee salubrius sciuerint expedire.* Item lego *utriusque* [MS.] *executorum meorum predictorum*, xx s'. In cuius rei *testimonium*, *presentibus*<sup>1</sup> *sigillum meum apposui.* datum die, loco & anno *prescriptis*.

- 12 Knowe alle men, þat .I. Stephyn Thomas of þ<sup>e</sup> Lee<sup>2</sup>, make þus my testament and my laste wyth : ferste, I. be-quethe my saule to gode and to our lady seynt mary, and to all þ<sup>e</sup> Company of Heuene, and my body to be bered were þat god wyth. fordermore syn, þes men) of  
 16 þ<sup>e</sup> Lee .I. make my seketowrs, ferst, Iacobbe Tryche, Ion) Campe, and my wyff [&] Thomas Aluowe ; and y pray hem þat þey be wel wylyet and forderynge to here ; and also I charge hem all þat þey do for me as þey wolde þat I dede for hem, and as þey wolle answe  
 20 to-for god ; and þer-to yt ys my wyll þat euer-echeon) of hem schale haue xx s' for her labor & for her besynesse ; and eny goude þat schele be solde, yt ys my wyth þat Wylyyam Aluowe haue it, passynge eny oþer man, and Thomas hys broder, and 3yfe þer-for  
 24 lyke as a noþer man wyll ; and next hem, þat Pole may be a beyer, saue Ellys þat y wyth þat Iacobbe Treche haue be-for all oþer men), so þat he wyth 3eue as a noder man) wyth ; and it is my wyth þat all þ<sup>e</sup> goud þat is Reyseð, or Ellis, þat it go to þ<sup>e</sup> Lee Cherche, to þ<sup>e</sup> Eyle,  
 28 and to<sup>3</sup> all oþer nessessarie thynges ; and also it is my wyth þat my wyff schele haue þ<sup>e</sup> place þat sche dwelythe in, terme of her lyff, and all sayrys<sup>4</sup> and all þat euer longeþe þat to, duryng her lyf tyme. and 3yf þat I passe Rather þan sche, it ys my [wyth] þat all  
 32 spengold & ffysscherys & bowdens be sold a-non forthe-with ; and

<sup>1</sup> 'To these presents,' as to a Deed.

<sup>2</sup> Lee (St. Clement), a parish and sea-port in the hundred of Rochford, co. Essex, 17½ m. S.E. by S. from Chelmsford.

<sup>3</sup> MS. to to.

<sup>4</sup> MS. repeats 'and all sayrys.'

also it ys my wyH þat þ<sup>e</sup> plase þat sche dwelythe in, and aH sayres,  
 ant aH þat euer longeth þer-to, and aH þat sche schele haue, after þ<sup>e</sup>  
 sesse of her, þat it be sold<sup>d</sup> and<sup>d</sup> do for <sup>1</sup>owre sawles and for aH owre  
 ffrende. and 3yf þat y passe rather þaH scho, þat it is my wyH þat I 4  
 haue a prest syngynge a-non after þ<sup>e</sup> terme of iij 3ere & more, 3yf 3e  
 may, in þ<sup>e</sup> Cherche of þ<sup>e</sup> Lee. and 3yf þer be eny man or woman  
 þat wil say þat I howght hem eny goud<sup>d</sup>, and swere vppon a boke by  
 record<sup>d</sup> of goud men, y wyl þat dey be payd<sup>d</sup>. and also it is my wyH 8  
 þat euere pore man of þ<sup>e</sup> Lee, & woman, schal haue xij d; and al-so  
 3yf þat y haue eny goude mysty<sup>2</sup> det, it ys my wyH þat heye auter  
 haue xx s', and euere preste þat syngethe þat day for me, ·I· wyl þat  
 euery man of hem haue xij d. and I· wyl þat Iankyn clerk haue 12  
 xij d, and euere clerk þat syngethe þat day for me In þ<sup>e</sup> cherche  
 vj d. and also it is my wilt þat Hadley<sup>3</sup> chirche haue xl s', and  
 euere pore man of þ<sup>e</sup> tounne iiij d, and þat þ<sup>e</sup> chirche of Estwode<sup>3</sup>  
 schel haue xiiij s' iiij d. and also it ys my wilt þat Larance my 16  
 neeee, & Annote her suster, haue xl s'. and al-so it is my wyf þat  
 Ione my Broder schel haue x. markes. and it is my wilt þat Iorge  
 my Cosyn schel haue oper x. markes; and euere god-chyld þat y  
 haue in the Lee schele haue xij d. and also it is my wyH þat Thomas 20  
 Alvowe haue .v. marces, and William Alvowe oper .v. marces. and  
 also I wilt þat Annote Hadley þat es with me, haue .xl s'.; and aH  
 the Ostelmentes schele be sold<sup>d</sup>, and þat aH þat goud<sup>d</sup> and aH oper þat  
 schulde beleue in 3our Haunde, þat it be do so os may be moste mede 24  
 for her saules // Also þes beth þe dettez þat I howe. xv. ti to Eyon,  
 to be paid at Esteren next commyng, for I Howe Him at aH bot  
 .xxv. ti, and þer-of he schele Haue, as I sayde þer-a-fore .xv. ti.  
 at Esteren next, and .x. ti. at Esteren come twelmonthe, and þan es 28  
 he aH paid. And also I Howe to Iamys Skynner of Bemflet,  
 at Mychaylemesse, for Colys doun — vj. marces, and þan es he  
 aH payd. and I Howe to Hopkyn Crestyndom at London for  
 Richard Row — vij s'. vj d; and also I Howe Iohn Campe of the Lee 32  
 .xl. s'; and also I Howe to a man of Burdeux xlvj. s'. viij d,  
 His name is Peter de Lobered. and also þis es the dettis þat

<sup>1</sup> leaf 458, back.<sup>2</sup> mighty, big. ? MS. *may be inusty*.<sup>3</sup> Hadley and Eastwood are both in the hundred of Rochford, Essex.

es Howynge to me : Rycharð Haddoke of the Lee .vij. ti to be Paid  
at Esteren, and also Water Burnam an .C. s'. that schuld Hauē be  
Paid at Esteren ; and William Hylbyh .xx. s'. and Her-to I sett my  
4 Sele, wytnessynge, Stephen Ellys, Thomas Chesse, William Ellyot,  
Lyteh Iohn Spoteh, Richard Smythyot, and oþer gode men I-now./  
I-wret at Sandwyche, the .vij. day of may, þe Reyngē of Kynge  
Harry þe .v. ye anno quinto. [1417 A.D.]

[*Codicil, made at Rouen.*]

[A Trental of Masses to be said for his Soul. Beer to be brewd, and  
Loaves bak't, for the Poor. Gifts to T. Chesse, if Testator dies in his boat;  
and to a Cousin, of goods in a ship at Southampton.]

- 8 ¶ And also I wiþ þat my wyh be fulfyllid lyk als I ordeynd when  
I went from home, and aþ þat es contend in this Codicil / that es  
to say, my wiþ es, to haue a Trentale of masses 3ef that I dyd er  
þane I come home / and also I pray 3ou þat 3e wald Brewe .x.  
12 buschellys of malt forto 3ef pore men of my paryche ; and also that  
3e wald bake .vj. buschellys of whete of smale Halpeney Loves, and  
3efe euere man and woman a Love<sup>1</sup> and a galon of ale, als fer als it  
wiþ go. and also I pray 3ou and charge 3ou in goddes name that 3e  
16 gar send a man to the Holy priour of Brydlyngton to offer for me,  
and for any thing, that this way to Bridlington, and the Trentale, be  
do<sup>2</sup> both be-for Estren, 3yf y dye ore y come home. and also y do  
3ow to wyt þat yt is my wiþ þat Thomas Chesse schel haue me 3yf  
20 þat y dey in hys bote with hym ; and also þat he schel haue my best  
gowen of þ<sup>e</sup> kynges liuere þat is at home at my hous, and my golde  
rynge and my whysteh. and also I do 3ow to wyt þat yt is my wiþ  
þat Thomas Albwe schel haue þe best gowen next þat is at home after  
24 þat, and a hound. and also y do 3ow wyt þat it is my wiþ þat George  
Thomas my Cousyn schel haue aþ þe gude and þ<sup>e</sup> harnesse þat  
y haue att Hampton in þ<sup>e</sup> chippe, and be-syde ; and þis þat is of þe  
see with me att Roon<sup>3</sup> he schel haue, aþ to-gedyr, saue þat Rycharð  
28 Smytheot schel haue my Russet gowen þat y wered, and my blac  
hound, and a nold bassenet. More wryt y nogh[t] vnto yow, bot þe  
holy trinite kepe 3ow now, dere and trusty wyf. here I make an

<sup>1</sup> Love = loaf.

<sup>2</sup> MS. to.

<sup>3</sup> MS. rubb.

hende. wer-for I pray 3ow, as my trust es<sup>1</sup> hely in 3ow, ouer alle opere creatures, þat this last wiþ be fulfyllet, and alt odere that I ordeynd<sup>2</sup> atte <sup>2</sup>home, for all þe loue þat euer was be-twen man and woman. y-wrote atte Roon þe Sonday next to-fore þ<sup>e</sup> fest of purificacioun of 4 oure laydy. [February 2, † 1418-19.]

*Probata fuerunt supradictum testamentum & Codicillum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt xx<sup>mo</sup> die Mensis Iulij, anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xix<sup>no</sup>. Et comissa est administracio omnium bonorum &c 8 dictum testamentum & codicillum concernencium, Matilde relictæ & Executrici dicti defuncti / Iacobo Triche & Iohanne Campe, executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis, administracionem supradictam coram dicto domino Commissario expresse recusantibus, ac xxvj<sup>to</sup> die 12 eiusdem Mensis acquieta fuit, et c.*

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### JOHN ROGERYSSON, OF LONDON, 1419-20.

[Bequests of Bed-clothes, Table-cloths, Gowns, Hoods, Towels, Daggers, Bows, Hose, Purses, a Cope, and small Debts.]

(More, 3 Com. Court of London, lf. 50 bk.)

B. Fynk. T. Iohannis Rogerysson. non habent acquietanciam.

*In margin.]*

Thes beth the godes that y, Iohn Rogerysson, leue in a chyste in the hous of Roberð Leget dwellyng in the parysh of seynt Benet Fynk // And þis ys my wyll yf þat y dye, that Anneys Tukkys- 16 worthe have þ<sup>e</sup> beste bedbere, and Richard Gery þ<sup>e</sup> nyxte, and Roberð Legat ij payre of schetis, and to þ<sup>e</sup> same Roberð my Blewe gowne and my hode of Rede and Blak; And to Thomas Pykot my whit Ray gowne, and my rede Hode; and to Anneys Tukkysworth 20 my best bordclothe, and the Towayle; and Rycharð Gery the nexte bordclothe And Towayle; and Robard Legat iij quarters of white, and IsabeH hys wyf a bordcloth and a towayle; and to Wylliam Pertnale, A payre schetis and a red doblot, and a keverlet of Blewe; 24

<sup>1</sup> MS. as.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 359.

And to Anneys Tukkysworth iiiij noblis and the forseyd Chestes;  
 And to Thomas Pertnall a peyre of shetis, and a dagger, and a Bowe  
 wyth-owte pecis, and a payre hosen of grene; and to Anneys Tukkys-  
 4 worth the bestc purse, and Thomas Pertnale the nyxte, and Isabell  
 Leget the Thridde, and Alson Okenden the fourp. And alle-so y  
 bequethe to p<sup>e</sup> Church of seynt Benet a cope. And alle-so Wyllyam  
 8 Rote and Iohn Skelton owen to me xiiij s'. the whiche Symmykyn  
 Eyre shaH reseyyve of them at Esterne nyxte comynge; and y wiH  
 pat Rychard Gery reseyyve hit of the forseyd Symkyn; and vj s  
 viij d of pat mony .I. bequethe to p<sup>e</sup> Churche Clerk of Seynt Benet;  
 & vj s' viij d to Iohn Cley, and viij d for my sowle. and alleso  
 12 Robert Leget owyth to me xv s', and alle thyng a-counted by-twene  
 vs, of the whiche y forgyf hym vj s' viij d; and p<sup>e</sup> remenaunt  
 of pat Mony, Y wiH hyt be do for my sowle. And alle-so  
 Rychard Gery oweth me viij s', and alle thyng a-counted by-twene  
 16 vs bothe; of the whiche viij s' y be-qweth iiiij s' to Thomas  
 Pertnale, And iiiij s' to Wyllyam Pertnale. And y beqwethe to  
 Rychard Gery vj s' viij d, to be payd of that he fyndeth in the  
 forseyd Chestes; And to Anneys Tukkysworth A Sylure Spon; and  
 20 my Sylvryn GyrdyH to Thomas Pertnale; and to Robard Leget my  
 pesid Bowa. And the overe-plus of alle thys, y wiH hit be dysposed  
 for my sowle. And, blessyd be god, y owe no thyng. And y  
 Ordeyne p<sup>e</sup> forseyd Rychard Gery & Robard Léget myne executors  
 24 to fuH-fiH alle thyngys a-bove wretyn), As they wille [answere] a-fore  
 god at p<sup>e</sup> Dome. And to Thomas Pertnale my dagger / And alle-so  
 y wille that yf Anneys of the Countour cleyme of me or of my  
 executours a pursse and xx s'. or eny maner good ellys, pat thenne  
 28 p<sup>e</sup> godes in the bille be rekeuered of her; And yf sche make  
 no cleyme, Stonde hit for no dette, but on for a-nother. Probatum  
 est hoc testamentum coram nobis Iohanne Bodeman clerico, Reuer-  
 endo &c Commissario generali. Primo die Mensis Februarii, Anno  
 32 domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xix<sup>mo</sup>. Et comissa est administracio  
 omnium bonorum &c Executoribus in dicto testamento interius  
 nominatis &c.



JOHN BROUNE, OF HEN. V.'S CHAMBER, AND OF  
FULHAM, .MIDDX., 1418. (PROOVED, 1420.)

[Wife to be in care of her Father and Mother. They to live in his place at Hardington, Somerset, or out of its rents. Sister to be provided for. Debts and Bonds to be lookt to.]

[*Will made at Rouen. The earliest in the 3rd Person.*]

A Latin will of Jn. Broune, made 4 May, 1417, and a 'Codicillus' or 'ultima voluntas' of the same date, are on leaf 73, before the English will.]

(More, 3 Com. Court of London, lf. 73 bk.)

This ys the appoyntement of the wil and gouernauns of Iohn Broune, of þ<sup>e</sup> chambre of oure lord the kyng, made the ix day of October, the vj yere of his regne. [A.D. 1418]

In the ferste, he wille that his wif be in the gouernauns of here 4 fadir and here moder, vnto the tyme of his commyng hom in to Englonde.

Also he wiþ that she haue the money þat is reised in Lyncolne Shire be his patent, to fynde hir with. 8

Also he wiþ that Richard his brother haue his place at Herdyngton<sup>1</sup> yn gouernauns, and fynde his fadir, and his modir, and his sister, with the profitz of the place, as ferre as they wille strecche, vnto the tyme of the commyng of the forsaid Iohn Broun. 12 And that Iohn Brond see the rekenyng atte yere Inde.

Also he wiþ that, ȝif it like to his fadir and to his moder, to be atte Hardyngton, and see the husbandery, and occupie hym þer as long as them lest for þere owne Ese and disport. 16

Also he wiþ, þat ȝif it like not his fadir forto be þere, or ellys whan quan hem lest to remeve þens, That thanne þei be in sum place nerhande holichyrche, þ<sup>e</sup> whiche is an honest place to serue god yf, and there forto abide, and be gouerned & foundyn with the proffittes 20 of his place, as is before seid.

<sup>1</sup> *Hardington*, Somersetshire, 3 miles from Yeovil. *Hardington*, Somers N.W. of Frome Selwood.—Walker's *Gazeteer*. 1801. But the *quan*, *quiche*, of the Will are Midland.

Also he wiþ that Elene his Suster be put in sum honest place, and also be founde of the place be-fore seid, vnto the tyme of commynge of the forseid Iohn, or elles [MS. eh] þat she be married.

- 4 Also he wiþ that Iohn Fray be payd .xv. li. of þe money þ<sup>e</sup> qweche Oliuer hath in his hand, be þe handys of Iohn Brond.

Also he wiþ that the money þe qwiche is resseyued of his patent in Oxenford Shire be keptid to-gider.

- 8 Also he wiþ þat the xl. li. þat Margrete Stranstene hath, þat it be keptid to-gider be þ<sup>e</sup> sight of the forsaid Iohn Brond, and þat he haue ouersizte of all manere thynges.

Also he wiþ þat the  $\text{xxx}$  [= 80] mark þ<sup>e</sup> whiche is in Thomas Harwodes hand, be paid vnto þe forseid Iohn Brond, and also that it be put in a bagge, & asselid, and safely keptid.

Also he wiþ that Iohn Spyke be agreed with resonabli for his labour and travail.

- 16 Also he wiþ þat the obligacions the whiche þat his wife hath in keypyng, that they be reised be þe avise of his counseil, with all þe remenaunt of his dettes, in all the haste they may be.

Also he wiþ that William Tropne, & Iohn Brond, & Richard his  
20 brother, be the ouersight of William Oliuer, ben his executours to dispose and ordeyne for his soule In maner and forme as is comprehendyd In his laste wil. Into witnessse of the which, the forseid Iohn Broune hath put his seal. Wrote atte Rone þe yere & þe day  
24 before seid.

*Memorandum quod Probatum fuit testamentum Iohannis atte Grove de Fulham, coram nobis &c c Commissario generali, Quarto, Non Marcij, Anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> XX<sup>mo</sup> Et commissa est*  
28 *administracio &c c Cristine, Relicte dicti defuncti, et Thome Atte Grove, Executoribus &c c.*

[In margin:] Fulham. T Iohannis at Grove. habent acquietanciam.

## THOMAS BATHE, OF BRISTOL, 1420.

[Gifts of Plate, &c : a silver Beaker with a knob enameld blue ; a silver-studded Girdle ; silver Spoons with Acorn tops ; silver Spice-dish ; wooden Mazer with a silver band, a Print in the middle, and a Griffin in it. Also, brass Pots and Pans, gold Rings, Andirons, pewter vessels ; Cushions and Hangings ; a Chalice ; Curtains ; Shearings and Wool. A Mazer bound with silver gilt, and a print of Jesus in the middle.]

(March, lf. 408.)

*Testamentum Iohannis Bathe. [In margin.]*

**I**n dei nomine Amen. die Sabati in festo sancti Albani Martiris, [June 22] Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xx<sup>mo</sup>, Ego, Iohannes Bathe, burgensis ville Bristollie, compos mentis, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. [*A page of bequests, &c. in Latin follows, 4 with the appointment of John Bourghuſſ and John Austyn of Bristol as executors : then, on leaf 428, back, the English Will :*]

Thys endenture makyth mencion of <sup>1</sup>p<sup>e</sup> goodes þat I, Iohn Bathe of Bristow, 3yve to sertayn personis : fryst, I 3ewe to Iohn Forster my godsonne a becure of seluer y-keueryd, þat weyyth xxv ounsus I quarter, & þ<sup>e</sup> cnap of þ<sup>e</sup> couercle ys an-amyld with blewe. Also I 8 3eue to þ<sup>e</sup> forsayd Iohn Forster a gurdill of blake sylke y-lynde with rede lether, with a gode bokyll & a pendaunt, & in þ<sup>e</sup> same pendaunt an ymage of seynt *Christofre* : in þ<sup>e</sup> gurdill bey xlvj stodys of seluer. Also I 3eve to þ<sup>e</sup> same Iohn Forster halfe a doeyñ off siluer sponys 12 with *acharnus*<sup>2</sup> ouerguld, þat weyyth .v. ounsus I quarter and halfe. Also I 3eve to þ<sup>e</sup> forsayd Iohn Forster a peyr of auundyrus<sup>3</sup>, þ<sup>e</sup> bes þat I haue // Also I 3eve to Kateryne Lewys my seruauñt .x. ti. sterlingus, and a bolle cuppe I-keueryd of syluer þat weyyth xvj. 16 ounsus iij quarter. Also I 3eve to þ<sup>e</sup> same Katerine a becure of seluer I-keueryd, and a branche of þ<sup>e</sup> couercle y-broke away,

<sup>1</sup> p is for 'y.'

<sup>2</sup> acorns on the tops, instead of apostles. The MS. is not quite clear, but the word '*acharnus*' cums again lower down, l. 5, next page here.

<sup>3</sup> andirons.

þat weyyth xvj ounsus. Also a spyce disshe of seluer, & ouerguld,  
 þat weyyth xj ounsus & .I. quarter; Also halfe a dosen sponys of  
 seluer þat weyyth vj ounsus I quarter & halfe; Also a bolle pece þat  
 4 weyyth vij ounsus & halfe, and halfe a quarter; Also a nother bolle  
 pece þat weyyth vj ounsus & halfe a quarter; Also .I. bord mausure  
 with a bond of seluer, & ouerguld, wyth a prent in þ<sup>e</sup> myddylle, and a  
 grypp<sup>1</sup> amyde, and a narow plat be þ<sup>e</sup> syddys, with iij. lyonis of  
 8 syluer, and ouerguld. Also a gurdyll of þ<sup>e</sup> old werke of seluer,  
 & ouerguld, with a bocull and a pendaunt and xxxij. stodys of syluer  
 and ouerguld. Also I ȝeue to þ<sup>e</sup> same Kateryne aneyuer<sup>2</sup> gurdil of  
 selke, of blake and grene and rede, with a bocull and a pendaunt, &  
 12 a cheyne in þ<sup>e</sup> pendant, with a cnapp; & in þ<sup>e</sup> gurdill bey xxij  
 stodys, & all of seluer. Also I ȝeue to þ<sup>e</sup> same Kateryne .iij. gode  
 brasyn pottes, Also .iiij. gode pannis, Also iij. basc[i]nus, þ<sup>e</sup> best þat  
 I haue, with .ij. lauerus. Also .iiij. gode golde rynges, Also ij  
 16 pankyns & a posnet of a poteh, also a posnet of a poteh, and a posnet  
 of a quarte, Also a peyr of Aundyrys, & ij. þ<sup>e</sup> best of yren broches,  
 & a chafur, Also a dosen of peutre vessel performyd<sup>3</sup>, Also .iiij.  
 candelstykkys of laton of þ<sup>e</sup> best. Also I ȝeue to the forsad  
 20 Kateryne al my bankerus & my quyssonus, and a dosur of tamsery  
 werke with and hert in þ<sup>e</sup> myddyll. Also I ȝeue to William Rodeley  
 a stondyng cuppe of seluer y-clepyd a chales cuppe, with þ<sup>e</sup> couerle  
 & my merke y-made in þ<sup>e</sup> cnappe, þat weyyth xvij ounsus & halfe  
 24 quarter. Also to þ<sup>e</sup> sam William, a tastour of seluer with myn owne  
 merke ymade in þ<sup>e</sup> bottom; Also halfe a dosen sponys of seluer with  
 acharnus ouerguld, þat weyyth v. ounsus I quarter & halfe. Also I  
 ȝeue to þ<sup>e</sup> sam William a beme þat y weye þer-with, and ij leuys, also  
 28 iij.<sup>c</sup> of ledyn wyztis. Also I ȝeue to Kateryne Lewys my seruauent  
 iij. Curteynis of blew, þ<sup>e</sup> best þat I haue to hang a-bout a bede; Item  
 I petit brase morter, I pestel de ferro. Item dimidium þ<sup>e</sup> zieren<sup>4</sup> and  
 wolle that is in this house þ<sup>e</sup> day of his<sup>5</sup> dying, and all þ<sup>e</sup> cloth

<sup>1</sup> vulture or griffin.

<sup>2</sup> Is this for 'anoper,' 'a newer,' or what? The MS. is clear, tho 'n' may be 'u', and 'uer' may be 'ne.'

<sup>3</sup> † all told, properly reckond.

<sup>4</sup> † shearings.

<sup>5</sup> † Manuscript. I suppose the Testator must have been a clothmaker of the West, like Chaucer's Wife of Bath.

whyte &c pat is redy with-in þ<sup>e</sup> hous att tyme of þ<sup>e</sup> makyng of thys. Item I maserum ligatum cum argento & deauratum, & I printe<sup>1</sup> de Ihesu in medio; Iohanni Crouch, I ciphum argenti precii x s., & dimidium dosine cochliarium argenti de medio specie. Item I 4 Cistam, ex deliberacione dicte Katherine .xxix<sup>mo</sup> die Mensis Octobris, anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xvj<sup>mo</sup>, Acquietati fuerunt executores infrascripti. [*the end.*]

### JOHN OLNEY, OF WESTON, 1420. (PROOVD, 1422.)

[Best Beast given as an offering to Weston Church. £3 each to the 4 Orders of Friars in Northampton and Bedford, to say 30 Trentals of Masses. Bedding, &c. to 5 poor men. Gifts to Friars, Priests, and a Northampton anchoress, to pray for Testator. Residue to Wife, for Testator's children and hers.]

(March, leaf 483, quire 55.)

Testamentum Iohannis Olney. [*In margin.*]<sup>1</sup>

In the name off gode yn <sup>2</sup>þ<sup>e</sup> 3er off oure lord & a M<sup>o</sup> CCCC. & xx. 8  
the xj. day of May, I, Iohannes Olney of Weston, sone and heire to Iohn Olney of Weston Vnderwode, make my testament in this wysse: Atte þ<sup>e</sup> begynnynge I bequeth my soule into the mercy off mythful Ihesu, prahyng<sup>3</sup> hym, for his precious passioun, that he 12 resseyue me yn-to þ<sup>e</sup> brode bosum off his mercy; prahyng forthermore to his moder, hour lady Seynt Mary, moder off mercy, to seynt Iohn Euaungelist, seynt Iohn Baptist, and to hañ seyntes off heuene, þat they be mene3 for me, and helpers to me att my most nede. 16  
And I bequeth my body to be beryed yn the chapele off owr lady yn the chyrch off seynt Nicholas off Weston, and my beste best in the name off principale<sup>4</sup>; and y bequeth to the .iiij. order3 off Frer3 off Northampton, and to þ<sup>e</sup> frere3 off Bedefford, to hech off þes 20 houses iij. ti. so þat þ<sup>e</sup> wardeyn and þ<sup>e</sup> Couente, or the prioure and þ<sup>e</sup>

<sup>1</sup> MS. prince.

<sup>2</sup> h is also put before *our*, *all*, *ech*, &c.

<sup>3</sup> þ is for 'y' all thro.

<sup>4</sup> offering, payment.

couent off euery off this houses graunteyn for to seyn xx trentale; off messe; for my soule, for my faders soule, my moders soule, Iehannez soule, and for all þ<sup>e</sup> saules that myñ entent ys to pray for, and for all  
 4 cristien; saules. And y pray myn executours þat they, or on off hem, se þat they take this charge on heme. and I bequeth to v poure men þat neden Beddyng in the countrey nextt aboute, to euery off heme .I couerlete. I wytele, & I chete. & xij. d. off siluer, preying for my  
 8 soule, and for þ<sup>e</sup> soule; be-forsaide. And I. bequeth to Iohan Marchaſt, Richar Genfeld, Thomas Richemond, & to Robert Burton, frerere; to ech off hem xx. solidi, Prehyng hem, as my trist ys in heme, of her continuele preyour for my soule, & for the soules þat  
 12 myn entente ys that they pray fore. & I bequeth<sup>1</sup> to Iohan Bataile prest, to Iohan Brasiere prest, to the ankerisse off Northampton, to ech of heme, vj s' viij d. & I bequeth to euery prest with-yn iij myle, nout auansynd, xij. d. My executours to performe þis my  
 16 testament, I ordeyne Mariorie my wyfe, þ<sup>e</sup> person off Broughton & Iohan Hukyns. the remenant off all my goddes nouth bequeth, I ȝeue & bequeth to Mariorie my wyfe, sche to dispose for her children & for myne as sche thynkyth best. ffullych dischargynge here what so  
 20 euere sche do wyht any good that myn ys. orwis prahyng here, off her ffre wilth to me-warde as for my most tristy frende.

Probatum fuit pressens testamentum coram nobis, Iohanné Estcourt, commissario &c, secundo die Mensis Decembris, Anno  
 24 domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxij<sup>do</sup>; et commissa fuit administratio omnium bonorum Iohanni Hukyns, executori in dicto testamento nominato &c, prestitio primitus &c. de-inde sexto die eiusdem mensis Anno domini vt supra, acquietatus fuit dictus executor, & soluit pro  
 28 probacione & fine, xi solidos.

<sup>1</sup> MS. repeats 'and I bequeth.'

[*Weston Underwood* is 2 miles W. of Olney, in Newport Hundred, co. Bucks.

*John Olney the father* bought lands in *Weston*, an. 4 Rich. II, and died 21 March, 1395. There is a brass to him in *Weston Church*.

*Broughton* (l. 16, above) is in *Newport Hundred*, Bucks.—J. H. R.]

## LADY PERYNE CLANBOWE, 1422.

[Burial to be simple. Debts to be paid. 200 poor men to be clad. £10 for mending Bridges and bad Roads. Gifts of slate Basin and Ewer, silver Chargers, &c.; Mass-Book, Vestment, and Chalice; a Girdle of Pearls, money, furred Gown, coral Beads; "a booke of Englyssh, cleped 'Pore Caytife';" Gowns, and Silver-gilt cups; silver Cup with the scripture of St. John. Gifts to Yazor Church; and to Testatrix's Priest, 4 quires of Doctors on St. Matthew. Residue: half to poor Tenants; half to good needy men.]

(March, 1f. 429 back.)

Testamentum Domine Peryne Clanbowe. [*In margin.*]

**I**N the name of þ<sup>e</sup> fader and of the sön And of þ<sup>e</sup> Holygost, Amen. The thridde day of Aprill In þ<sup>e</sup> 3er off our lord M<sup>c</sup>CCCC xxij I Peryne Clanbowe, beyng in good memory, thenkyng on my laste ende, hauyng gode in forsyght, I haue maad and ordened this my 4 present testament and my last wyll in þ<sup>e</sup> forme þat foloweth. First I bequeth and commend my saule to gode my maker and my sauour, and to hys blyssyd moder gloriose Vyrgyn, And to all saintes, and my body to be beryed at 3asore,<sup>2</sup> be my lord my 8 housbond, If I dye in Hertfordshire,<sup>3</sup> and ellis where þat gode hath ordeined for me, And as son as yt may be don godly after þat I hame dede, porelych to be beryed, with-out gret cost doon thervpon. Also I will And ordeine þat all my dettes þat mowe be prowede be 12 good conscience due, þat they be principaly payde in all þ<sup>e</sup> hast þat it may be.<sup>4</sup> Also I bequeth, to cloth wyth ij<sup>c</sup> poormen, xx<sup>s</sup> ii. Also I bequeth to amende brygges and foule wayes x<sup>s</sup> ii. Also I bequeth to sir Robert of Whitney, my brother, a flate basyn and an ewer, and 16 vj disshes, vj saucers, and ij chargours of seluer. Also I bequeth to þ<sup>e</sup> same Robert a westment of rede cloth of gold with my massbooke and Chalys: The wych vessel, vestement, massbooke, and chalys aforeseyd, to þ<sup>e</sup> forsaide Roberd bequethen, I wole þat [he] haue hem 20

<sup>1</sup> þ is for 'y.'

<sup>2</sup> Yazor is in Herefordshire, 5 miles S. of Weobly.

<sup>3</sup> That is, Herefordshire.

<sup>4</sup> ? MS. mayle.

vpon this condicion, þat he be good frend to my executours, and þat  
 he lete hem note off ministracion off myn other goode on the Manere  
 of Pychardisoketh ne elles where. Also I bequeth to myn Aunte,  
 4 prioresse of Lynebroke, xl s'. Also I bequeth to myn Awnte Corbet,  
 xl s'. Also I bequeth to sir Ion Skydmore,<sup>1</sup> my newewe, a girdell of  
 peerles. Also I bequeth to Iane myn nece, to her mariage, or when  
 sche is of age, xx ii. Also I bequeth to Peryne her suster, my god  
 8 doutghter in þ<sup>e</sup> same forme, x ti; and if it so be þat þ<sup>e</sup> forsaid Iane  
 and Peryne dye be-for þat thay come to age, or ellys married, then I  
 wiþ þat þ<sup>e</sup> mony of either of hem so deede, turn to þ<sup>e</sup> vse of her  
 susters ouerlyuyng in þ<sup>e</sup> same fourme. and if aþ þ<sup>e</sup> susters dye ar they  
 12 come to age or be maryed, þat then þ<sup>e</sup> mony tourn to þ<sup>e</sup> vse of her  
 bretheren ouerlyuyng. And if aþ þ<sup>e</sup> bretheryn die with-In age of  
 xvj. zeere, then þ<sup>e</sup> mony be disposed in Almasdeddes be my  
 executours. Also I be-queeth to Iankyn Myles my seruauent, xxi/-,  
 16 and myn eche daies gowne of marterount. Also I bequeth to sir  
 Iohan Coyle, I pare bedes of coraþ. Also I bequeth to Elizabeth  
 Ioye x. ti. and a booke of Englyssh, cleped "pore caytife," and  
 I gown furred with gret menyvere. Also I bequeth to Ionet  
 20 Okbourn x marc and my sauter helid with blake, and a gown  
 furred with Cristy gray. Also I bequeth to Iohn Huchecoke, v  
 marc. Also I bequeth to Iankyñ Tailour, v marc. <sup>2</sup>Also I bequeth  
 to Dauid Morys, xl s'. Also I bequeth to Iohn Hergest, xl s'. Also  
 24 I bequeth to Luyssote xl s'. Also I bequeth to the wyffe of Iankyn  
 Miles a gown furred with Besshe. Also I bequeth to Dauid Cradoke  
 xiiij s' iiij d. Also I bequeth to Iames and to his wyfe x s'. Also I  
 bequeth to þ<sup>e</sup> chirch of Jasore, fore my lord and his auncestres, to  
 28 serue in þ<sup>e</sup> chirch, a peire vestimentis of blake, wherof þ<sup>e</sup> same Chirch  
 hath þ<sup>e</sup> cope. Also I bequeth to what thenge þat is most necessary  
 in þ<sup>e</sup> same Chirch, v. marc. Also I bequeth to Ionet Knolles a  
 stondyng cuppe of siluer gilte couered. Also I bequeth to Thomas  
 32 Knolles þ<sup>e</sup> zongger a cuppe of siluer gilt couered. Also I bequeth to  
 Iohn Thomas a cuppe of siluer playn. with þ<sup>e</sup> scripture of seynt Ion.

<sup>1</sup> Either Sir John Scudamore of Kentchurch, Herefordshire (who married the daughter of Owen Glendowr), living *temp.* H. IV., or his son and namesake,—H. Round.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 430.



Also I bequeth to two prestes, honest men and good liues, and ellys not, to do diuine seruise for my lord and me for on 3er anoon After my decees, resonable lyuelode after þ<sup>e</sup> discrecioun of myñ executours. Also I bequeth to sir Reynold, my prest, iiij. quayres of Doctours on 4 Mathewe. The Residue for soth of all my goodes in this my testament not bequethen, I 3eue and bequethe to myn executours, be her discrecion to be disposyde, that oon halfe to my pore tenauntz, and þat other halfe to god men faithfuñ and nedy þat ben in disese. 8 And to þ<sup>e</sup> execucion of this my testament and my last wiñ to be fulfilled, I ordeyn my trusty frendes, Iankyn Miles, Thomas Knolles aforsaid, Elizabeth Ioy, Ionet Okborne, and Iohn Tailour, myne executours be thees presentes, that they wiñ do her beynesse 12 to fulfyh goddes wiñ and myne, as they woñ aunsuer afor gode. also I bequeth to ich of myn executours takyng charge of ministracion of this my testament, v. marc, and reward for her costages whan they labour specially for my maters. Into wytnessyng of which thyng, to 16 this my present testament I haue put to my sech: 3eueñ at London, day, moneth, and 3er, aforsayd.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Estcourt & c, xvij<sup>o</sup> die Mensis Nouembris, Anno domini Millesimo 20 xxij<sup>do</sup> & c, et commissa fuit administracio Iohanni Miles, Elizabethae Ioy, Iohanne Okbourne et Iohanne Tailour, executoribus & c. Reseruata potestate & c, et habent ad exhibendum Inuentarium: ac secundo die Mensis Decembris Anno domini supradicto, acquietati 24 fuerunt executores supradicti, & soluerunt pro fine iiij<sup>or</sup> nobilia.

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The *pore Claytife* (p. 50, l. 18) is a collection of religious tracts against abuses in the Romish Church, known by this common title, and formerly attributed to Wycliffe, the wrongly, by Bp. Bale and others. On the authorship of it, see Shirley's Introduction to *Fasciculi Zizaniorum*, p. xiii, note 3. MSS. of it are Harleian 2335, -6, -9, &c., &c.; and part of it is in Douce 322, leaf 100.

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## SIR ROGER SALWAYN, KNIGHT, OF YORK, 1420.

[To be buried in the Grey Friars at York, with a flat marble stone over him. Gifts to the 4 Orders of Friars in York. All household goods and £500 to Wife. £400 for land for Son. Marriage portions for Daughters. Debts to be paid out of rents. Poor Tenants to be let off. A pilgrim to be sent to Jerusalem, at not more than £100. Gifts of Money and Horses to Relativs and Friends. Old Servants to be rewarded. Gifts of Armour. Money to Nun who nursd Testator in sickness. 40s. Annuity to a man. Furd garments to be sold for Testator's soul.]

(March, P. P. C., lf. 437 back.)

*Testamentum Rogeri Saluayn, militis. [In margin.]*

In the name off gode, I, sir Roger Salwayn, Knygth, <sup>1</sup>p° xxvj· day  
off October in the yer off our lord M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xx· makys my  
testament in this maner first, I wyte my soule to gode almythty, to  
4 our lady seynt Mary, and to aH p° seinttes of hewiñ, and my bones  
to ben beriede in p° grey freres atte 3orke. Also I wiH that ther  
where my bones shaft be beryde, be a flate stoñ off marbiH, ewyñ with  
the grounde. Also I wiH þat p° forsaid freres haue aH my gownes off  
8 cloth off gold and off sylke, with-outyn p° ffurres. Also I wiH þat p°  
same frers haue xl· ti· for to synge and pray for me. Also I wiH þat  
ilkon off p° other thre ordirs in 3orke haue x marc. Also I wiH þat  
my wyffe haue aH my housholde holy, with v<sup>l</sup> ti that is in hir  
12 handes. Also I wiH þat ther be ordeine for byynge off londe for  
Ioñ Salwayñ my soñ, CCCC ti; Also for p° mariage off Alison my  
doughtir, CCCC marc; Also for p° mariage off IsabeH my doughtir,  
CCC marc. Also I wiH þat my fader dettis, and my moders, be paide  
16 off my goode; that is in the Coillors<sup>2</sup> or in p° fermors handes off my  
rent; and if any tenaunt be so pouer that he may noughit, for  
pouertee, pay his ferme that is owing, I wiH þat ther be noughit  
reseyued off hym, but þat he may resonably pay, and þat p°

<sup>1</sup> p is for 'y' all thru.

<sup>2</sup> Collectors. Fr. *cueillir*, to cull, collect.

remenaunt be for-zeffyn. Also I wiþ þat som goode man be ordeine to goo for me to Iherusalem in pilgremage, and as far as is cost is lese than C ti in commyng and goyng, þat hit be 3ewyn for my soule to poure men wher most<sup>1</sup> allmose is. Also I wiþ þat 4 Richard Chace haue v marc off monee, and a bay hors þat was Gerard my soñ; William Lister xxi. Thomas Fairchild xl marc, Acris Mersk xx. ti; litiþ Petir, liard<sup>2</sup> Manley and x. marc, and þat Acris Mersk haue þ<sup>e</sup> grey geldyng; Gerard and Iohn my brethir, 8 liard<sup>2</sup> botiller, and a sorede<sup>3</sup> horse þat was bought off Henudeñ, and þat Edward my brethir chese. Also I wuþ þat Gerard my brodir haue xl. ti, and Thomas my brothir a place in Duffelde,<sup>4</sup> termyn off his liue, þat I purchesede off Iohn Fulthorpe; and after the desese 12 off hym, to turn agayn to þ<sup>e</sup> reght haiers off me. Also I wiþ þat sir Robert Shottesbroke,<sup>5</sup> knynght, haue þ<sup>e</sup> sorde hors; and litiþ Hans þ<sup>e</sup> hoby,<sup>6</sup> and xl s' aboueñ his hir. Also I wiþ that Frost Mores and litiþ Robyn, ilkoñ off them, haue xl s'. Also I wiþ þat 16 Pomfretth,<sup>7</sup> skynner, of 3orke, be paied of v. or vj. ti, whedir þat hit be, for fures þat my lady my moder knowes off. Also I wiþ þat William Tropmeþ, taillour, of London, and Hunt, brouderere, be paied of their billes for makyng off a liuerey of myñ. Also I wiþ þat 20 Henry Lound haue a blake gown furred v<sup>l</sup> funes,<sup>8</sup> and a habirgoun of Mylen, opyn be-for, þat Richard Steþ haues in hys kepyng. Also I wiþ þat 3iff any seruauñt of myn haue laborð for me in my countree sen my fader died, þat they be resonably rewarid afir the 24 seruiçe þat they haue doñ. Also 3if any man can aske any dete off me, other be euidence, or þat they be credibiþ persones, I wiþ þat they be paied. Also I wiþ that Elyn Saluayñ, my brothir Gerard doughtir, haue xl. marc for hir mariage. Also I wiþ þat Gerard my 28 brothir haue a newe fure of martirs,<sup>9</sup> and I habirgoun<sup>10</sup> of millon.

<sup>1</sup> ? most nede of.<sup>2</sup> grey.<sup>3</sup> sorrel, red roan?<sup>4</sup> ? Duffield on the Derwent, N. of Derby.—Walker's *Gazetteer*, 1801.<sup>5</sup> ? MS. Shottesbroke.<sup>6</sup> a small horse: 'the hobbie of Ireland' is among Harrison's 'outlandish horses.' Part II, p. 5 of my edn. New Shakspeare Soc.<sup>7</sup> ? MS. Pomsrecc.<sup>8</sup> ? with funes, trimd with 'foynes,' or martin skins. See *Fouinne* in Cotgrave.<sup>9</sup> See p. 36, above.<sup>10</sup> The *Habergeon* was a smaller and lighter coat of mail or plate than the

Also I wiþ þat Iohan my brothir haue I habirgoun of Gesserañ.<sup>1</sup>  
 Also I wiþ þat þ<sup>e</sup> Nonne þat kepid me in my seknes haue ij nobles,  
 and þat ther be 3if in-to the hous þat she wonnes in, 'xx' s' for to  
 4 syng and pray for me. Also I wiþ þat Thomas Faarchild<sup>d</sup> haue as  
 mych monee as he may purches hym 'xl s'. be 3er. Also I wiþ þat  
 aH þ<sup>e</sup> ffurrurs þat I haue, be sould<sup>d</sup> and doon for my saule. Also I  
 wiþ þat Chace haue a habirion of myne. executors of my testament, I  
 8 wiþ and ordeine Piers de la Hay, Gerard Saluayn, Robert Rodeston,  
 sir Nichol Dixson, Clerk, Robert Cawode, Robert Day, Richard  
 Chace, and Thomas Fairchild<sup>d</sup>, to whom I 3iff and wit þ<sup>e</sup> residue of  
 aH þ<sup>e</sup> good and cateH þat I haue, þat they ordeine and dispose hit in  
 12 sich wys as may be most meritory for my soule, as they wiþ aunswere  
 be-for gode on dredfull day of doom. <sup>2</sup> And the surveiors of my  
 testament, I wiþ and ordeine William Kylwolmerssh, Clerke, and my  
 wyfe; wyttnessyng William Philipe Chiualer, Richard WodeviH,  
 16 William Lister, and other. Also I wiþ þat William Lister haue as  
 mych of monee as the sorde hors is worth, þat Shottesbroke haues.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne  
 Estcourt, commissario &c<sup>a</sup>, septimo die mensis Marcij, Anno domini  
 20 Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxij<sup>do</sup> &c<sup>a</sup>; & Commissa fuit administracio omnium  
 bonorum dicti defuncti, Ricardo Chace & Thome Faarchyl<sup>d</sup>, execu-  
 toribus in dicto testamento nominatis; et habent ad exhibendum  
 Inuentarium citra festum pentecosti proximum iam futurum.

Hauberk, and was sometimes worn under that: see Chaucer's *Sir Thopas*. It  
 had sleeves in Wace's time, as he tells us that Bp. Odo's haubergeon at the Battle  
 of Hastings was loose in the body, and tight in the sleeves. 1876. Planché,  
*Cycl. of Costume*, i. 236.

<sup>1</sup> A light flexible piece of armour 'composed of small overlapping pieces of  
 steel, fastened by one edge upon canvas, which was covered with cloth, silk, or  
 velvet, the gilt heads of the rivets that secured the plates forming an ornament  
 on the outside. It was used for cuisses, brassarts, and other portions of har-  
 ness; but very generally in the 14th and 15th centuries [and no doubt in the  
 Will abuv] for jackets.' 1876. Planché, *Cycl. of Costume*, i. 313. (See the  
 woodcuts of two Jazerant Jackets on p. 314.)

<sup>2</sup> leaf 438.

[This ends the English Wills in Register 'March.']

ROGER FLORE (OR FLOWER), ESQ., OF LONDON,  
AND OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE, 1424-5.

[Son Thomas to have all silver plate and household goods in Testator's Inn at London, and some at Oakham, with Towels, Cup, Pots, &c. : also Carts, Ploughs, Horses & Gear. A large Maser to be an heirloom. Other plate, &c. to heir and sons Robert, Roger, and John, and daughters Anneys and Joan. Wife Cecile to have the rest of silver plate and some other goods; residue to heir. Corn, malt, and live stock to go to purposes of the will. Milch Cows, half to Wife, ha. to heir. Best ambling Horse to Wife; next to son-in-law Sir H. Plesyngton; next to son Thomas: other riding horses to Wife and son Thomas. Furred gowns among Children; other clothes among Servants. Armour to sons Robert and Thomas. Executors to keep children's money. Gold Rings, &c. to women relatives. Beads, &c. to the Master of Manton. Money to old Servants. Archt roof of Oakham steeple to be built. Portas, or portable Breviary, to son Thomas. For *Will of Realty* see p. 59.]

(Luffenham, leaf 69.)

Testamentum Rogeri Flore. [In margin.]

**I**n dei nomine Amen. Ego, Rogerus Flore, miser et indignus, de Okeham, compos mentis, laudetur altissimus, xv<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis, Anno domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxiiij<sup>to</sup>, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. [A leaf and 3 quarters of Latin testament follows, with 4 appointment of Executors, on leaf 69 back, as follows:—]

“Et ad istam executionem bene et fideliter faciendam, ordino et constituo Iohannem Clerk de Wyssenden, Radulphum Humberstone de leicestria, Ricardum Hawey, Magistrum cantarie de Manton, & 8 Willelmum Baxtir, custodem Hospitalitatis de Okeham, Executores meos, ad disponendum & exequendum testamentum meum & voluntatem meam predictas, cum superuisione Henrici Plesyntoñ militis, prout velint coram summo Iudice respondere” . . . . . 12

Codicillus eiusdem Rogeri. [In margin.]

[I. Testament of the Personality.]

**I**n þe name of almyghty god, fader and soñ and holy gost, Amen.  
I, Roger Flore of Okeham<sup>1</sup>, declare my last will in þis bille, als

<sup>1</sup> Oakham, a parish and market-town, in the soke of Oakham, county of Rutland, of which it is the chief town, 95 miles N.N.W. from London.—*Lewis*.

well of my testament as of my land þat standez in feffe;<sup>1</sup> handes.  
 First I wille þat my testament be, with the grace of god, fulfilled;  
 and as touching my housholde, my wille is, þat Thomas my sone haue  
 4 aH my seluere vessell þat I haue atte London, þat is to sey, a basyn  
 and an Ewer of syluere, too gilt peces flat couered, too peces of  
 siluere whit<sup>2</sup> lowe feet, þe oone couered with gilt brerdes, and þre  
 goblettes of syluere, oone couered, and a poteH pot of syluere, and a  
 8 syluere saler, and a doseyn spones of too suites, and four chargeours,  
 six disches, and six saucers of siluere merkid with a sink foil vnder  
 þe brerdez. Also I wul he haue al myn other houshoold þat I haue  
 atte Londen, except my bed of Tapistree, þe which I wulH my  
 12 welbeloved wife Cecile haue; þe which houshoold is in myn In, in  
 keping of my seruauunt Rolleston by bille endented, of which þe oone  
 bille is in my trussing<sup>3</sup> cofer. I wol also my sayd sone Thomas haue  
 my paled bed of wursted, white and rede, with þe costers þe which  
 16 seruen for my chambre I lye Inne atte Okeham, and a rede bed of  
 wursted with þe costers the which hengen in þe newe chamber next  
 my chamber; and I wulH he haue to þe oone bed a peyre fustyns,  
 and to þe oper a peyre blankettis, and to ilk of þe too beddis too peyre  
 20 schetys goode, and a matras and a canvas; and I wulH he haue oon  
 fetherbed; and I wulH he haue too seruauentes beddis for þe too said  
 chambers. I wulH also he haue too fyne bordeclothes, þe one of  
 werk, þe oper playn, with goode sanapes<sup>4</sup> and wasshyngtowels, boþe  
 24 for befor mete and after. Also I wulH he haue my maser of a vine  
 rote, the which was my faders, and þe peces of syluere made in þe  
 boþum like perles, and too pottis of bras, and too pannes, and too  
 spytes, and a peyre rakkes of yryne, and to brandernes, and to doseyn  
 28 of pewter vessell, and too cors bordclopes, and too peire cors sanapes,  
 and þre candelstykes of latoñ. Also I wulH he haue my cartes and  
 my plowes, and aH my hors þat longen to hem, whith aH her gere.  
 also I wulH he haue my grete maser þe which I calle zele<sup>5</sup>, for þe  
 32 terme of his life, and so from heir to heyr lome: and no man merueil

<sup>1</sup> The final '3' is generally a contraction for *es*, so that 'feffe3' may be 'feffes'; but as both 'brerdes' and 'brerde3' are used for the same thing below, '3' had better be read 'z' here. 'feffes' is on p. 60, as well as 'feffe3'.

<sup>2</sup> with.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 70.

<sup>4</sup> hand-napkins.

<sup>5</sup> MS. 3ole.

bogh I do weh to him, for when almyghty god list to take me oute of  
 his wreched world to his mercy, þan shall he be left faderles and  
 moderles, grauntfaderles and grauntmoderles. And yf hit so befeh  
 þat he died, leuyng<sup>1</sup> me, þan wul I þat myn eldest sone þat ouere- 4  
 leueth me haue hit<sup>1</sup> I haue be-qweythen my sayd sone Thomas.  
 More ouere I wul þat Robert my soñ haue my flat couered pece  
 whit̃ a sqware pomeh, and an oþer flat pece of þe suit þat were my  
 faders, (of whos soule god haue mercye,) and six spones of syluere; 8  
 and Iames my soñ þe keuered pece þe which þe person of Bereughby  
 gaf me, and six spones of syluere; and Roger my soñ þe keuered  
 pece of syluer þe which was mayster Robertis Stoneham, and is  
 pounces whit̃ a crane, and six seluere spones ouer þe other keuered 12  
 pece, þe which my lord Le Ware gaf him whan he was cristned;  
 and Iohn my soñ a keuered pece and six spones of siluer; and I wul  
 þat my said soñ Robert haue my best gilt pece keuered, and Roger  
 my said sone my gilt keuered goblet þat was Camews. Also I wul 16  
 þat Anneys my doughter haue þe standing pece þat was my faders,  
 keuered, and my gilt pece þat Steneby gaf me, and a quart pot of  
 siluer, and six spones of siluer, and a basyn and an Ewer of siluer;  
 and my doughter Iohn a keuered pece of siluer, þe which þe provest 20  
 of Coderstoke gaf me, and six siluer spones; and I wul þat ilk of my  
 said childre haue a bed, þat is to say, couerlide, tapite, blankettis,  
 too peyre schetes, matras, and canvas. And þan wul I þat my  
 welbeloued wyfe Cecile haue alle þe remenaunt of my syluere vesseh, 24  
 pottes, peces, and spones, basyn and Ewer of siluere, powderbox and  
 salers of siluere, beddyng, napery and pewter vesseh, brasse spytes,  
 rakkes and brandernes of erne; and aH myn other howshold, saf suche  
 as longeth to þe gamerye, I wul abyde to myn heyr. And I wul þat 28  
 non of my corn, nor malt, ne quyke catel, be taken for houshold, but I  
 wul it helpe to fulfulle my testament, saf þat I wul þat my wyf haf  
 of my corn and malt als myche as hire nedeth, til newe come, by  
 delyueraunce of myn Executours, if she wul holde houshold. And I 32  
 wul my wyf haf half my mylche kye, and myn heyr þe other half.  
 And after my principal is taken, I wul my wyf haf my best ambeler,  
 and my sone, sir Herre Plesyngton, wylk him likeþ best, after preying

<sup>1</sup> hit = hit þat, what, the property which.

hym to be gode maystre to my children; and þen wul I þat my soñ  
 Thomas haf þe best next; and þe remenaunt of my rode horses I wul  
 be departyd betwene my wyfe and my soñ Thomas; but I wul my  
 4 wyf chese first. Also I wul þat my gownes for my body, þe which  
 ben ffurred whith pelure, be dalt amongis my childre, to ilke after  
 here degre and age, so þat Thomas and Anneys haue four<sup>1</sup> of þe best.  
 And I wul þat þe remenaunt of my clopes for my body be dalt  
 8 amonges my *seruauntes*,—of þe which I wul that Thomas Campiõn  
 be þought on—to ilke after þeyr degrees. And I wul þat Robert  
 my soñ haue oon of my swerdes, and one of my basilardes harneysed  
 with siluere, and one of my siluere girdeles. And I wul þat Thomas  
 12 my sone haue myn oper siluere girdeH, and myn oper wepen and  
 armerur. Also I wul þat Thomas my sone haue my termes þat I haf  
 of Westminster in þe personage of Okeham. Also I with þat þe  
 money þe which I haue be-qweþen to my childre to<sup>2</sup> putte in sure  
 16 keping be myn Executours, so þat þey mowe haue þat is be-qweþen  
 hem when þei come to zeres of discrecion, if þey lif so longe; and elle  
 þat it mowe be disposyd by myn Executours as I haue ordeyned by  
 my testament, requiryng my seid Executours, as þey wul onswere to  
 20 god, þat þey (for no fauour) put hit but as þey suppose and truste be  
 her consiens it shal be sure. And I wul þat Anneys Samoñ, my  
 wyfes moder, Margeret Spriggy, and Alys Roweles and Ionet Hum-  
 berstone, Beatrice Swetenham, myn aunte, and my cosin Sithynges,  
 24 half ilk of hem a gode goldringe, or a broche of gold, or a good peyr  
 of bedys, for a remembraunce of me. And I wil þe Maister of  
 Mantoñ haf my pair of bedys þat I vse my self, with þe x aues of  
 siluere, and a pater noster ouer-gilt, preying him to haue mynde of  
 28 me sumtime whan he seith oure lady sawter on hem. Also I wil þat  
 Iohn Brigg and William Lewes haf, ilke of hem, xl. s. for here oold  
 seruice; and Robert Martfeld<sup>3</sup> .xiiij. s., iiij. d.; and koc kook<sup>4</sup> a noble,  
 and Toume [so] Campiõn a noble. and if þe voute<sup>4</sup> of Okeham stepil  
 32 be not made in my lif, þe which I haf made couenaunt of with  
 Thomas Nuntoñ, Mason, to gif him .v. mark for þe werkmansshipe,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 70 back.<sup>2</sup> I read 'be.'<sup>3</sup> Cock, the cook (?).<sup>4</sup> *Voulte*: f. a vault or arch; also, a vaulted or embowed roof. 1611.—  
 Cotgrave.



(of þe which I haue paied him a noble on ernest,) I wol þe same couenaunt be fulfillid of my good after my decesse as sone as myn neebours wul ordeyn for þe stuffe þat shaʒ go þer-to, of þe which stuffe Richard Oxenden haip paied to Fairchild, *quarriour*, xiiij s and 4 iiij d for freestone. More-ouer I wuʒ þat Thomas my soʒn haue my portooos, charging him, on my blessing, that he kepe hit, terme of his lif, so that god wuʒ her-after sende him deuocion to sey his *seruice þer-on*, as I haue done, þat þenne he may haue such a good honest boke of his owne; and if god ewre<sup>1</sup> him to dye or me, I wul þanne my eldest soʒn haue it to þe same entent. And I pray to þe blessed Trinite that of his endles *mercy* and goodnesse he sende my children grace to be gode men and wommen, and to ʒelde him gode soules, 12 þorough þe helpe and praier of oure lady seint Marye, and of aʒ þe seyntes of heune. Amen.

[II. *Will of the Realty.*]

[2 Lincolnshire Manors to Wife for life, while sole; then 1 to son Thomas, and 1 to son James, in tail. If Wife marries, her estate to go to sons Robert and Thomas. If not, Robert to have Oakham and Masthorpe lands for his mother's life, with remainder to son Thomas in tail. Brantoft land to son Roger in tail. Halton lands to son John in tail. Other Rutland and Leicestershire lands to son Thomas in tail. Dwelling-place to Wife for a year; then to son Thomas. Feoffees to make these Settlements by Indentures. Heirs' deeds to be kept in a coffer in Oakham Almshouse, and given to each when he's of age. Other children's deeds to be copied for the eldest son. Each child under age to have his rents for maintenance. Testator's Ward, T. Dale, either to marry Testator's daughter Anneys—in which case her portion is to be reduced—or the right of his marriage to be sold.

*Codicil.* Oct. 1425, p. 63. Son James to hav an Annuity of £5 out of Leicestershire land while his mother stays sole; also part of his brother Robert's land, if Robert turns priest; in which case his brother William is to have the estates given to Robert for his mother's life. The whole Will and Codicil written by Testator.]

And moreouer, for als mykyl as at diuerce feffementes þat I haue mad to diuerce men of certeyn part of my lond, to þe entent þat þey 16 shulde do my wylle lyke as in sum wrytynges and condicions vpon þe same feffementes it is more pleynly conteyned, And also for als

<sup>1</sup> ? *ure*, destine. Fr. *heur*: m. Hap, lucke, fortune, chance.—Cotgrave. MS. may be 'ewre.'

mykel as diuers men haf ioint astate whit me in diuerce of my purchace be wey of truste for to fulfyllen my wille whan I required hem, or declared it to hem, Nowe I declare here my laste wille, als  
 4 wel to my saide feffez as to my ioint feffes: First I wul and ordeyne that my ioint feffez of my maners of Stenby<sup>1</sup> and Braceby,<sup>2</sup> with here appurtenaunces, in Lin[c]olne-shire, suffre my wyfe Cecile haue þe profitez of þeim aȝ þe while she lyueþ sool withoute husbond. And  
 8 if she take þe mantel and þe ryng, and avowe chastite, than wul I þat forth-with my said ioint feffes make her astate, for terme of hir lif, of þe same too lordshipes, vp condicion þat she lyve sool, withoute husbond; the remaindre of þe maner of Steneby, with þe  
 12 appurtenaunces, to Thomas my soȝn and heir, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of heires of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body comynge; and for defaut of issu of my body comynge, to my right heires. And þe remaindre of þe said maner of  
 16 Braceby, wip þe appurtenaunces, to Iames my soȝn, and to þe heires of his body comynge; and for defaute of heires of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body begetyn; And for defaute of issu of my body begetyn, þe remaindre to my right heires. And if my said wif take  
 20 hir an husbond, þanne wul I þat my said ioint feffez make astate to Robert, my soȝn, of my said maner of Steneby with þe appurtenaunces for terme of his moder lyf Cecile / the remaindre of þe said manere with þe appurtenaunces to my soȝn Thomas, and to the heires of his  
 24 body comynge, and so forth, as hit is declared a-fore. And if hit so be þat my said wif take þe mantel and þe ryng, avowe chastite as hit is said<sup>3</sup> before, and þer-vpon haue astate of my said too maners for terme of hir lif, þe remaindre forth as hit is before declared, þan  
 28 wul I þat my ioint feffez of my landes and tenementes þat I bought of Richard Oxenden in Okeham, and also þat my ioint feffez of my land and tenementes in Mastorpe, And also my ioint feffez of the burgate in þe newgate of Okeham, þe which I bought of Richard  
 32 Milner, make astate of þeim to Robert my soȝn a-fore-said for terme of the lyf of his moder Cecile; þe remaindre of þeim to my soȝn

<sup>1</sup> *Stenby* is Stainby, near the Leicestershire border; 9 miles South of Grantham.—E. Peacock.

<sup>2</sup> *Braceby*, a village 7 miles East of Grantham.—E. P.      <sup>3</sup> leaf 71.

Thomas and to þe heires of his body ; and for defaute of issu of his body, þanne to þe heires of my body ; and for defaute of issu of my body, þe remaindre to my right heires, so þat my ful wiþ is, þat if my said son Robert haf not Steneby, þat þanne he haf pese other þinges 4 as hit is a-fore declared. More-ouere my wiþ is, þat my ioint feffez of my landes and tenementes in Branntoft<sup>1</sup> in Lyndeseye make astate of þeim to Roger my son, and to þe heires of his body comynge ; and for defaute of [issu of] his body comynge, þe remaindre to my son 8 Thomas and to þe heires of his body comynge ; and for defaute of issu of his body comynge, to þe heires of my body comynge ; and for defaute of issu of my body, þanne to my right heires. Also I wul þat my ioint feffez of my landes and tenementes, whith her appur- 12 tenaunces, in Halton in Lyndesey,<sup>2</sup> make astate of þeim to Iohn my son, and to þe heires of his body comynge ; and for defaute of issu of his body, þe remaindre to þe heires of my body ; and for default of issu of my body, forþ to my right heires ; so þat my wyþ is, þat þe 16 remaindre of all my landes and tenementes þat I ordeyn to myn other children fro myn heir, abide, for defaute of issu of þeim, to myn eldest son and heir þat ouer lyueth hem, and þanne forth as hit is a-fore declared. More-ouer my wyþ is þat all myn enfeffez of oper diuerce 20 of my landes and tenementes in Roteland and Leycestre-shire, als wel þo þat stande enfeffed by me, as þo þat ben ioint feffed with me, make astate of þeim to my said son Thomas and to þe heires of his body comynge ; And for defaute of issu of his body comynge, þe remaindre 24 to þe heires of my body ; and for default of issu of my body, þe remaindre to my right heires, saf þat I wul þat myn enfeffez of my place þat I wone Inne, suffre my wyf wone þer-Inne a 3ere after my decesse, if she wille, so þat she take no husbond in þe mene tyme ; 28 And after þat, I wul þat my said enfeffez make astate perof to my said son Thomas, as of þe remenaunt it is a-fore declared. And if hit so befelle þat my said son Thomas died to-fore þise astates afore-said

<sup>1</sup> *Branntoft*. I think this is Bratoft, 5 miles East of Spilsby.—E. Peacock.

<sup>2</sup> *Halton*, East, in the East Division of the Wapentake of Yarborough, Parts of Lindsey, co. of Lincoln . . 11 m. N.W. from Great Grimsby. *Halton Holgate* in the East Division of the Soke of Bolingbroke, Parts of Lindsey, co. of Lincoln . . 1½ m. E.S.E. from Spilsby. *Halton West* in the N. Division of the Wapentake of Morley, Parts of Lindsey . . 7 m. S. by E. from Settle.—*Carlisle*.

made, þenne wille I þat like astate be made to myn eldest soñ þat  
 panne ouer-lyueth him; and my wille is, þat alle þe astates before-  
 said be made by dede endented, to þat entent þat one of þe dedys  
 4 mow be deliuered to him þat þe gyft shal be made to, and þe oþer to  
 myn heir, because of þe remaindre. And I wul þat myn heires  
 dedys be kept whiþ þe remenaunt of my dedys in þe same cofer þat  
 my dedys beþ kept in nowe, and so delyuered him to his vse; And I  
 8 wul þat þe oþer parties of þe dedys endentyd, with þe remenaunt of  
 þe dedys þat longen to myn oþer childre, be put in þe cofre þat  
 Thomas Audeby gaf me, in þe which my seluer vessel is now kept,  
 til ilk childe come of age to receyve þat longes to him; And þat<sup>1</sup> last  
 12 shal receyue his dedes, I wil þat he haf þe cofre whit-aft; so þat I wil  
 þat þey haue no lyuere of þeir dedys til þey come til 3eres of age and  
 discrecion to resceyue hem. And if þey died or þei came to such age,  
 panne his dedes þat so died were deliuered to myn heir. And I  
 16 wolde þat þe substancia<sup>2</sup> dedes of myn oþer childre were copied, and  
 þe copies put amonge myn heirs dedes for a remembraunce. and if  
 it myght godely, I wolde alle þe giftes aforesaid were done by fyn,<sup>3</sup>  
 for more suerte, on my cost. And my wil is, þat þise astates be made  
 20 al so sone as þei mowe godely after my decesse, and þat my said  
 children haue ilk of hem þe profit of þaire lande þat I ordeyn hem,  
 forthwith anone after my dirige. And I wul þat þe said cofre that  
 myn other children dedes shul be kept in, be kept in þe Almeshouse  
 24 of Okeham, vndre þre keyes, too vnder keping of myn Executours,  
 and þe pridde vnder þe keping of an ouerseer of my testament,<sup>4</sup> so  
 þat þei mow make deliuerance to my childre of her dedes, as hit is  
 seid before. I write nomore atte þis time, but þat I prey to almyghty  
 28 god als entierly as any synful man may <sup>5</sup>prey, þat of his endeles  
 mercy and grace, þorough þe preier of oure lady seint Marye and alle  
 þe seintes of heuen, he haf mercy of my synful soule, and bring hit  
 to his blis, and gyf myn Executours grace to make good ende of my  
 32 testament and wille, and my feffe; also of my fefementes, Amen.

<sup>1</sup> þat = who that, he who.<sup>2</sup> original.<sup>3</sup> That Fines were to be leviyd by the 'Enfeffe;' in favour of the several Devises.<sup>4</sup> Sir Harry Plesyngton is named as Overseer, in the Latin Testament: see p. 55.<sup>5</sup> leaf 71 back.

written with myn owne hand þe xvij. day Aprill, þe 3ere specefied in my said testament. And as touching þe warde and mariage of Thomas Dale, my wiþ is, but if he and my doughter Anneys mowe acorde by þe asseynt of hire moder Cecile, elles I wul þat þe warde 4 and mariage of him be sold to my profit þer hit may be to his worships. And I wul þat þe profit, þat comeþ þer-of, helpe to fulfyll my testament and wille, if hit nede be, and elles be done for my soule by myn Executours. And if my said doughter Anneys and 8 he acorde of mariage, þan wul I gyf hire þe mariage, abatyg for hir C ti that I haf beqweþen hire be my testament, lx. ti<sup>1</sup>, þe which I wil, helpe to fulfilling of my testament and wil, if it nede, and elles be done by myn Executours for my soule and for alle cristen soules. 12 And also I wil þat Iohn Ondeley haf a coueryd pece of siluer, price of xl. s', or elles xl. s' to bie one whith, of my cost, for a remembraunce of me. my wille is also þat my newe vestment þat I made<sup>2</sup> last, be deliuered to myn Auter in þe kyrke, þer to serue and abide 16 in remembraunce of me while it wul endure, to þe wurships of god; and Ihc [*Jesus*] mak gode ende.

[III. *Codicil.* Oct. 1425. *Abstract on p. 59.*]

And for asmoche as .I. Roger Flore, ouerseyng my testament and wille, haue conceyued þat I haue not ordeyned what Iames my soñ 20 shulde haue during his moder lyf, soole, whithouten husbonde, þerfore my wille is, þat my ioint feffe; of my purchase of Leesthorpe<sup>3</sup> in Leicestreshire, graunte by her dede, to Iames my said sone, an annuite of .C s' of my said purchas of Leesthorpe, to haue hit for terme of his 24 moder lif Cecile, if she lyue sool, so þat, after her decesse, or if she take hir an husbond, he mowe haue þe remaindre of Braceby, like as I haue ordeined for him in my wiþ, so þat whanne þe remaindre falleþ to him, þat þanne þe saide annuite of an C s' sese. And I wul 28 þat þe said graunte of þe said annuite be graunted with clause of destresse paieable atte too termes, þat is to say, at Esterne and

<sup>1</sup> † does this mean that her Portion is to drop to £40 or to £60 †

<sup>2</sup> † = canzd to be made.

<sup>3</sup> *Leesthorpe*, in the hund. of Gartree, though locally situate in the hund. of Guthlaxton, Co. of Leicester; in the Parish of Pickwell . . . It is 4 m. S.E. by S. from Melton Mowbray.—*Carlisle*.

- Michelmessse. Furthermore my wiȝt is, þat if Robert my son be a prest in time to come, seyng þat þanne my lande þat is tayed to him in Leicestre, Whytewell<sup>1</sup> and Litel Hamildon<sup>2</sup> shulde descende to þe
- 4 said James, þat þanne þe remaindre of Braceby a-fore said be til William my sone after þe decesse of his moder Cecile; or if she take hire an husbond, as hit is rehersed a-fore. More-ouer my wiȝt is, þat if my said son Robert be here-aftir prest, as hit is said before, þanne
- 8 wul I, if he haf any benefice of holychirche or prebende, þat þanne þe astate þat I ordeigned þat ioint feffez of my londes and tenementes þat I bought of Richard Oxenden of Okeham, and also of my burgage þe which I bought of Richard Mylnere in þe Newgate of Okeham,
- 12 and my ioint feffez of my landes and tenementes in Masthorpe, shulde haf made to Robert my sone for þe terme of his moder lif in such manere and forme as hit is declared in my former wiȝt, þat þanne þay shaft make astate of þe said londes and tenementes to my
- 16 said sone William in such manere and fourme as þei shulle haue made to my said sone Robert, wiȝ þe remaindre as hit is in my former wille declared. In witnes of which þis my writyng of myn own hond, I haue annexed þis my wille with my testament and
- 20 former wille, vnder my seal of myn armes, affermyng my said testament and former wille except þat<sup>3</sup> is chaunged in þis my last wille. writen at Okeham þe Fryday a-fore þe fest of þe aposteles, Seint Simon and Iude,<sup>4</sup> þe 3ere of oure lord a þousand foure hundred
- 24 and xxv. and þe 3ere of þe reigne of <sup>5</sup>King Herry þe sext after þe conquest, þe fourte. And I prey my feffez þat alle þese astatys, by þe avys of a wel lerned man of þe lawe, of my cost, to be paid by myn Executours. Almyghty god make good ende! Amen.
- 28 Probata fuerunt *presens testamentum & codicillum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c*, xx die mensis Iunij, Anno domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> vicesimo octauo, & commissa est administracio omnium bonorum dicti defuncti dicto Ricardo Hiwey, & 32 domino Willelmo Baxter, *Executoribus* in eodem testamento nominatis, Reseruata potestate, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Whitwell in the Hundred of Alstoe. The Flores held an estate there under the Prior of St. John of Jerusalem.—J. H. R.      <sup>3</sup> what, that which.

<sup>2</sup> Little Hambledon, in the Hundred of Martinsly. The Flores held the Manor under the Ferrers family.—J. H. R.      <sup>4</sup> Oct. 28.      <sup>5</sup> leaf 72.

# WILLIAM NEWLAND, OF LONDON AND NORMANDY, 1425.

[Going on a Journey. Pilgrims to be sent to Rome, Jerusalem, Canterbury, St. Michael's Mount, and St. James's of Compostella, for Testator's soul, and Priests to sing for it. Gifts of gilt and silver Cups and Goblets, Bed, and Money. Gifts to Parson and Clerk of St. Thomas's, London, and Prisoners and Poor. Goods for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 170 bk.)

Brigide.<sup>1</sup> T. Willelmi Newland. *Habent acquietanciam.* [*In margin.*]

I, William Newland, wol þat al men know þat þis here-vnder writen ys my last wilþ, what þat euer god ordene for me in my Iorneye. First, for to dispose my goodis: þe goodis that be in a paire of trussing cofres in the keypyng of Thomas Broun, y wol þat 4 a man be founden þerwith to go to Rome and to Ierusalem, and to haue þer-of for his costes and labour 1 marc<sup>2</sup>; a-noþer for to go fro the Swerd<sup>3</sup> in Fletstrete vn-to Caunterbury, barefot, x s'; and a-noþer for to ride or go vn-to seynt Micheþ mount<sup>4</sup> xx s'; and a-noþer to seynt 8 Iames in Galis<sup>4</sup> C s'; and for v prestis for to synge at chirch of seint Thomas of Postlis<sup>5</sup> a hool yere, 1 marc<sup>2</sup>; and for oþer v prestis the next yere suyng in þe same place, 1 marc<sup>2</sup>. And y wilþ þat sir Thomas Fawkys haue two gilt cuppis couered, and ij pecis of siluer. 12 and also it is my will þat Elianor of Coton<sup>6</sup> haue C marc to her mariage, and a browded bed wip þe costures þerto, and a cup of Siluer and ij gobelettis. also y wol þat Thomas Pounce haue x marc. also y wol þat Thomas Broun and his wyff haue viij 16

<sup>1</sup> St. Bridget's, or St. Bride's, Fleet St., in Faringdon Ward Without.

<sup>2</sup> Fifty marks, £32 14s. 4d. : over £300 in present money.

<sup>3</sup> That in Cornwall, not that in Britany, as only 20s. is allowd.

<sup>4</sup> St. James's of Compostella, in Galicia, Spain.

<sup>5</sup> The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle was in '*Knight riders street . . . by Wring-wren lane*, a proper Church, and in the yeere 1629. well repaired and finely garnished.'—Stow's *Survey of London*, ed. 1633, p. 258, col. 2. It was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt. The parish was joind to St. Mary Aldermary, Bow Lane, Watling St.

<sup>6</sup> There's a Coton 2 miles N. of Cambridge, and another near Rugby, in Warwickshire.

marc. Also y wol þat Iohn of Merbury<sup>1</sup> haue x marc. also y wol  
 þat þe persone of seynt Thomas apostolis haue xiiij s' iiij d., and þe  
 clerk vj s' viij d. also y wol þat xl marc be delid to prisoners and  
 4 to pore folkys. also þe remenant of my harneys and oþer goodis,  
 y wiþ þat it be disposed for my sowle, and for aH þe saules þer euer y  
 had ony good of: and þis y yeue in charge, wiþ witte and good  
 mende, to myn executours, as þey wol answeere a-for god, to be treuly  
 8 disposed as it ys a-boue writen. and herevpon y make myn  
 Executours, Thomas Fawkes a-for writen, and Elianor of Coton,  
 Thomas Pounce & Thomas Broun. Writen þe xx day of Decembre  
 in London be me William Newland. And y wol þat al my rentis  
 12 and goodis in Normandie be disposed be William FaukesweH and be  
 Pers Gely, þe half for to be don for my sowle, and þe oþer half  
 y 3eue hem frely for to do trewly for me. and her-to y set þe seale of  
 my Armes to witnesse.

16 *Probatum fuit hoc testamentum coram nobis Dauid Price, vicario  
 Reuerendi in christo patris & domini Willelmi, dei gratia Londonie  
 Episcopi, in spiritualibus generali, xv kalendarum Augusti, anno  
 domini millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxvj<sup>to</sup>, Et per nos legitime pronunciatum pro  
 20 eodem. Et commissa est administracio omnium bonorum presens  
 testamentum concernencium, infra iurisdiccionem Londonie existen-  
 cium, Elianore of<sup>2</sup> Coton, Thome Pounce & Thome Broun execu-  
 toribus superius nominatis, iuratis primitus in forma iuris, & admissis  
 24 per eosdem, facultate committenda administracionem huiusmodi  
 Thome Faukys, executori superius nominato, cum venerit, & eandem  
 subire voluerit, nobis specialiter reseruata. In cuius rei testimonium,  
 sigillum quo in huiusmodi officio vicariatus vtimur, presentibus  
 28 apposuius. Datum Londonie, die & anno domini supradictis.*

<sup>1</sup> Merbury is not in Walker's *Gazetteer*.

<sup>2</sup> so.



## WILLIAM DAVY, FISHMONGER, LONDON, 1426.

[To be buried in St. Clement's, East-Cheep. Gifts to the Works, Parson and Clerk of the Church, and other Priests. Small bequests to Brother, Sister, and friends. Residue for Testator's Soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 228.)

C[lement] Est[chepe]. *Testamentum Willelmi Davy. Habent acquietanciam.*<sup>1</sup> [*In margin.*]

In þ<sup>e</sup> name of god, amen. In the xxvij day of nouember, The 3ere of our lord M. CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxvj, I. William Davy, Fyschmongere and Citezyn of Londoñ, In hool mynde, make and ordeyne my Testament in *this* maner: Ferst I be-quethe my sowle to al-myghty<sup>4</sup> god and to al þ<sup>e</sup> seyntis, my body to be beryed in þ<sup>e</sup> Cherche-3erd of seynt Clementis be syde Est chepe<sup>2</sup>. Al-so I be-quethe to *the* werkes of the forseyd cherche, xl s'. Al-so I be-quethe to *the* persone of the sayde cherche, xiiij s' iiij d. Also I be-quethe to *the* mayster clerke 8 iiij s' iiij d. Also I be-quethe sere Wil3am Podon, iij s' iiij d. Also I be-quethe sere Iohn Buk, iij s' iiij d. Also I wele *that* euery prest *that* is at my dyrige and at messe, haue vj d. Also I be-quethe Margrete Schiplake, xl s'. Al-so I be-queth Waket, prentys with 12 Schiplake, vj s' viij d. Also I be-quethe Iohn Davy my brother xl. s'. Also I be-quethe Margery my sister, xx s'. And þ<sup>e</sup> residue of al my godys after my testament is fulfyllyd and my dettys payd, *they* be disposyd for my soule after *the* disposicion of my executour. 16 and to *this* I make and ordeyne William Schiplake, Barbour, myn executour; and I be-quetne *the* same William xl s'; Al-so 3eue hym with-owte *that*, for hese laboure, vj s' viij d. Item I be-quethe Iohn Lowesley vj s' viij d. Wittenessis, sere Andrewe Norwiche, persone,<sup>3</sup> 20 and Thomas Rokewode, clerk.

<sup>1</sup> The Executors have paid their dues to the Court.

<sup>2</sup> This is a small Church, void of Monuments, other than of *Francis Barnam*, Alderman, who deceased 1575, and of *Benedict Barnam* his sonne, Alderman also 1598.—*Stow's Survey*, 1633, p. 235, col. 1. This Church was repaired and beautified at the cost and charge of the Parishioners, in the yeere of our Lord God, 1632.—*ib.* p. 832, col. 1. Burnt in the Great Fire, 1666; rebuilt by Wren.

<sup>3</sup> Probably the Parson drew up the Will. See the Common Form for Wills

Probatum est & c. ij<sup>o</sup> nonarum Decembris, anno domini supradicto, coram Roberto Derffeld & c. Et commissa est & c. Willelmo Schiplake, executori supradicto. Et admissum per eundem, iurato  
4 primitus in forma iuris.

WM. HANYNGFELD, ESQ.,<sup>1</sup> OF ESSEX AND  
SUFFOLK, 1426.

[To be buried at Bikinacre, Essex. Small sums of money to its priests, and poor, and Church; to his Suffolk tenants, and the Church of Lawshall. Much of his land to be sold; and out of its price, 2 Priests to be got to sing for 40 years for Testator's and others' souls; alms to be given; 4 lepers to have 4 marks yearly for 10 years; Obit to be kept yearly in 3 churches; poor of 3 Essex hundreds to have 20 marks a year for 10 years; 6 marks (£4) to be spent on Laffar bridge, and 500 marks on Eastford bridge. Household goods to go to children. Testator to have a tomb like Sir Thomas More's<sup>2</sup>, with a broad stone and 4 pillars; and on the stone, a Brass of his wife and 7 children, &c. Bequests to priests, clerks, poor, and poor tenants. Legacies to Executors, &c. Servants to be rewarded. P. Dene to have an annuity out of land. Feffees (trustees) to convey land as Executors direct. Children to have £100 each, and be governd by Executors.]

(Luffenam, P. P. C., leaf 45.)

Testamentum Willelmi Hanyngfeld. [In margin.]

In nomine sancte & indiuidue Trinitatis, patris et filij et spiritus sancti, Amen. In festo sancti Egidij Abbatis, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxvj<sup>to</sup>, Anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Angliæ quinto, Ego, Willelmus Hanyngfeld, Armiger, in mea libera et spontanea voluntate, ac in bona et sana memoria mea existens, videns & precogitans in mortis periculum, Ideo hoc presens

drawn by Parsons when applied to, in Bp. Lacy's *Liber Pontificalis*, cited in the *Notes*, on a Widow's Vow of Chastity. This Form included gifts to the Church, Parson, Clerk, &c.

<sup>1</sup> William Hanyngfield of Claydon's in East Hanningfield, Chelmsford Hundred.—*Inquisitiones post mortem*, 5 Hen. VI.—H. R.

<sup>2</sup> This was Thos. More (or Moor), Dean of St. Paul's, who rebuilt the Chapel in Pardon Cloister, and was buried there in 14 . . See p. 104, note 1.—J. H. R.

testamentum meum, voluntatem meam in se continens, condo, facio, & ordino in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam deo omnipotenti, creatori meo, <sup>1</sup>beatissimeque & gloriosissime dei genitrici, virgini Marie, matris sue, & omnibus sanctis<sup>1</sup>; corpusque 4 meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia sancti Iohannis Baptiste de Bykenare,<sup>2</sup> in Capella sancti Nicholai. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti ad exequias meas esistenti, vj d. Item lego cuilibet clerico interessenti ibidem, iiij d. Item lego cuilibet pauperi ij d, et si necesse<sup>3</sup> 8 fuerit causa paupertatis, iiij d. Item lego pauperibus meis tenentibus ibidem per viam, xx s'. Item lego tenentibus meis in Comitatu Suffolkie, xl. s'. Item lego fabrice ibidem pro factura ecclesie, si non deueniat ad manus prioris, sed per visum Iohannis Borham, C. marcas, 12 videlicet pro reparacione capelle ibidem vbi corpus meum sepultum fuerit. Item lego pro factura ecclesie de Lawseth<sup>4</sup> in Comitatu Suffolkie, ad orandum pro antecessoribus meis, xl. fi. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum, do et lego Roberto de Teye,<sup>5</sup> 16 Armigero, in Comitatu Essexie, Iohanni Basset<sup>6</sup> de Chishuht, Iohanni Whetley, cui ciuitatis Londonie, et Philippo Dene. Huius autem testamenti mei, Robertum de Teye, Armigerum, Iohannem Basset predictum, Iohannem Whetley, ciuem ciuitatis Londonie, & Philippum 20 Dene, ordino, facio et constituo Executores meos. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Datum Londonie, die & Anno supradictis.

Codicillus eiusdem Willelmi. [In margin.]

[Will of his Real Estate.]

**T**his is the last will of me William Hanyngfeld Esquier, of all my 24 londres and rentes withynne <sup>7</sup>þe shire of Essex' and Suffolk, I-made þe iiij. day of Septembre, the 3ere of oure lord M<sup>c</sup> CCCC xxvj. First, I wolþ þat þe Maner of Chardacre and Valans yn the shire of Suffolk

<sup>1</sup>—<sup>1</sup> interlined by another hand.

<sup>2</sup> Bicknacre Priory, adjoining East Hanningfield.—J. H. R. *Biknacere* or *Bitaere* in the hund. of Chelmesford, co. of Essex.—*Carlisle*. <sup>3</sup> MS. nccc.

<sup>4</sup> *Lawshall*, in the hund. of Baberg, co. of Suffolk. . . 7 miles S. by E. of St. Edmund's Bury.—*Carlisle*. <sup>7</sup> the þ is that of the MS. all thru.

<sup>5</sup> Robert de Tey of Mark's Tey in the Lexden Hundred, Essex: d. 1426-7.

<sup>6</sup> John Basset of Basset's Hall, in Great Chishall, Essex.—J. H. R.

pat pay be sold by myn Executours to as hie prys as hit may, withoute fraude or male engyne, and þe money therof resceyued, be dispended for my soule, after þe discrecioun of myn Executours. More-ouer I  
 4 woth þat þe maner icalled Bonylys maner, Frankelensmonday lond and Smythislond, be sold by þe same Executours, and with þe money per-of resceyued, and more, 3ef nede be, be founde ij. prestes. singyng<sup>t</sup> continuellich during<sup>t</sup> þe terme of .xl. winter in þe Priory of  
 8 Bykenacre, in þe Chapeñ of seint Nicholace, for þe soules of me, þe forsaide William, Agnes, Iohan, Cisily myn wyfes, William, Nicholas, Martyn, Alienore, Elisabeth, Roger and Margery, and for añ þe soules þat I am bounde to do for, after þe discrecioun of myn Executours.  
 12 Also I woth þat þe maner icalled Piriesmaner<sup>1</sup> be sold as hastily as hit may, and þe money therof resceyued, be dispended in dedes of almes by þe discrecion of myn Executours. And as touching þe maner and lond I-called Aiottes, Bartlottes, Pathislond, Gardyns, and Estlond,<sup>2</sup>  
 16 in Bradweñ<sup>3</sup>, I woth þat pay be sold by my Executours; and with þe money ther-of resceyued, that ther be I-founde iiij. pore men lepres, during<sup>t</sup> þe terme of x 3ere, and þat euery of ham haue 3erly iiij marcs during<sup>t</sup> þe same terme. Also I woth þat myn obite be  
 20 kept 3erly atte Bikenacre, Bradweñ, and Canwedoñ,<sup>4</sup> and þat pay haue to þe werkes of Canwedoñ chirch, x markes. Also I woth þat among<sup>t</sup> þe powremen of Richefordhundred,<sup>5</sup> Dunchehundred,<sup>6</sup> and Chelmysford hundred, be deled by myn Executours breed and  
 24 herynge to þe valu of xx marces during<sup>t</sup> þe terme of x 3ere. Also I woth þat on Laffarebrugge<sup>7</sup> be spendid, to make hit añ of stone, vj<sup>o</sup> markes, in esement of þe comyns, if hit so be þat no man be bounde by his lond to make hit. Also I woth þat my reuercion of Tootham<sup>8</sup>  
 28 I-called Skottes and Westnewlond, and þe rente of Alflednasse be sold by myn Executours, and þe money be dispendid to parfourme my will. And also I woth þat añ maner howshold be kept, and let þe childreñ haue hit, or þe prys. And þat þe forset<sup>9</sup> that Thomas

<sup>1</sup> Perie in Tillingham, which he held of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.

<sup>2</sup> ? East Hall Manor.

<sup>4</sup> Canewdon near Rochford.—J. H. Round.

<sup>3</sup> *Bradwell juxta mare*, on the Blackwater, and in Dengy Hundred.

<sup>5</sup> Rochford Hundred.

<sup>6</sup> Dengy Hundred.—J. H. Round.

<sup>7</sup> A bridge of one of the three Lavers in Essex, between Harlow and Ongar.

<sup>8</sup> Totham, adjoining Langford; or, possibly, Scottys in Canewdon, which he held of John Tyrell, Esq.—J. H. Round.

<sup>9</sup> A casket, little chest or coffer.

Essexie<sup>1</sup> wot where is, be delyuered to myn Executours forto dispende þe goudes þat is ther-yn, for my soule, and þat þe same Thomas Essexie<sup>1</sup> haue v marces in honde, and also xx s' terme of his lyf. And þat myn Executours pay for þe costes of his qwytaunce of his 4 enditement. And also I wol þat on þe brigge betwixt Esteford<sup>2</sup> and Chelmysford, 3ef nede be, be spendeð V<sup>c</sup> marces, if hit so be þat no man be bounde by his londe to make hit. Also I wol þat I haue a tumbelike like sire Thomas More, and ther-vpon, a brode ston with iiij 8 pilers, and þe brode stone grauyn with Latoñ, of Cisifly<sup>4</sup> and vij children, þat is to sey, a soñ and vj doughtren, Iohan and iij children, Agnes and ij children, pris of .L. marces. Also I wol þat euery preest being' atte my dirige, haue vj d, and euery Clerk iiij d, and 12 þat euery pore man haue ij d, and if gret nede be, iiij d. And also I wol þat ther be delyuered ther to þe pore peple of my tenaunttes xx s'. Also I wol þat Iohn Borham ouerse these ij preestes and þe pore men, and haue for his labour xl s'. Also I wol þat Rolf 16 Baynard and Darsy, if þay be witholde truly with 3ow, þat euery haue xl s'. Also I wol þat Roberd of Teye, myn Executour, haue for his labour, xxx ti; Iohn Basset of Chishuñ, xx ti; Iohn Whetley, xx ti; Phelippe Dene, for he is pore, xx ti; And also to 20 William Babyngton, forto be good helper' and counceillour' to myn Executours in añ matiers of lawe touching' hem and þe execucion of my testament and last wil, xx marces. Also I wol þat sire Iohn, my preest, haue xx s', and a gowne of my weryng'. Also I wol þat Wil 24 my man haue xx s'. And I wol and pray 3ow þat Phelippe be kept on seruice stille, and haue as goud wages as he hadde of me be-forne during' þe terme of ij. 3ere. Also I wol þat my seruaunttes be rewarded' after 3oure discrecioun. Also I praye my feffours þat þay 28 wolde eneffe Philippe Dene on 'vj' marces of rente during' þe terme of his lif, where þat he wol chese of añ my londes best reysid'. And also I praye, and in goddisbyhalf require, þat alle þe feffes þat ben eneffyd in my londes, þat in what tyme þat þay ben duly required' 32 by myn Executours to make a-state to any person, þat þay perfourme

<sup>1</sup> A line of contraction is over the 'x', whether to mark a Latin genitive or not (Thomas of Essex), I can't say.

<sup>2</sup> ? Easterford (now Kelvedon).—J. H. R.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 145 back.

<sup>4</sup> Cicely his wife: see abuv, p. 70, l. 7.

hit in discharge of my soule, as þey wolþ onswere a-fore god. Also I pray my feffours þat þay wold suffer myn Executours to selle Stanlehalle, and to enfeffe what man þat euer myn Executours  
 4 require hem to. Also 'I' wolþ þat my Maners of Welsham and Brethenham<sup>1</sup> be sold by myn Executours, and þe money þerof be disposed by myn Executours. Also I wolþ þat my Childreñ haue  
 8 aH tymes by þe discrecion of myn Executours. And þat aH þe reuenuys and profitys comyng of my londes þat ben not assigned by my last wilþ and testament for to be sold ouer þe sustenance of þe seid childrun, be disposid and dispendid for my soule by þe discrecion  
 12 of myn Executours.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum, cum codicillo, coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c, xxij die mensis Septembris. Anno domini supradicto; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c  
 16 Philippo Dene, Executori &c, Reseruata potestate &c. Et postea exhibito Inventario bonorum &c, dictus executor acquietatus est. ac die martis, videlicet xiiij<sup>to</sup> die mensis Maij, Anno domini M<sup>o</sup>cccc xxx vij<sup>to</sup> Iohannes Basset, executor &c, coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld  
 20 Commissario &c personaliter comparens, & iuratus ad sancta dei euangelia, administracionem bonorum dicti defuncti, recepit in forma iuris &c.

<sup>1</sup> Brettenham, Suffolk, N. W. of Bilston.

JOHN CREDY, ESQ., OF LONDON, DEVON-  
SHIRE, ETC., 1426.

[To be buried in London. Bakehouse in Wood St., and land in Surrey, to Wife for life; Half the Cock and Garland in Coleman St. to brother Richard for life; remainders to R. Burdon. A Middlesex house to keep a priest at Weston to pray for Testator, &c. A Devonshire place, at Lee, to brother John for life, then to nephew William, &c. Spensers place, Devonshire, to nephew Thomas for life, and then to nephew William. Other Devonshire and Somerset property to R. Burdon and wife for their lives, and their son John in tail male. Surrey land to nephew William for life, and then to be sold for Testator's soul. Everchurch<sup>1</sup> land, in Somerset, to nephew John for life, and then for Testator's soul. To Alison Burdon 40 marks as a portion. Priest to pray in Newton for 10 years. A perpetual Chantry in St. Alphage, to be founded out of the Cock in Grub St. Priest of the Charnell to have 2 marks out of the Cow-Head in Chepe. The City Chamberlain and Town-Clerk (Jn. Carpenter) to see to this. Gifts of Mass-Book, Chalice, Cruets, Money, Armour, Beds, Sheets, Pots, Pans, Basins, Cups, a Gold Chain, &c. Wife to have half household goods. Residue of personalty to Brothers, Sisters, and next of kin.]

(Luffenham, lf. 46 back.)

Testamentum Iohannis Credi. [*In margin.*]

In the<sup>2</sup> name of god, so be hit, the iiij day of Iuyñ, the 3ere of oure lord M<sup>c</sup>cccc' xxvj, I. Iohn Credi, squyer, being in my good mynde, make my testament in the maner suyng. ffirst I bequethe my soule to god almyghty, my maker, to þe blisful Mary, moder of 4 ihesu, and to alle þe company of heuen; my body to be beried in þe chireh of seynt Iohn 3acarie<sup>3</sup>, where my children be beried. Also I bequeth my wyfe my londes and tenementz the which I haue in Eldmede in þe shire of Surre, and my bachous in Wodestrete in 8 Londen, the terme of her life; And after þe decesse of hire, þat hit

<sup>1</sup> *Ever Church*, or *Everach*, Somerset, W. of Bruton.—Walker. <sup>2</sup> MS. ther

<sup>3</sup> Aldersgate Ward. 'Then is *Engaine Lane*, or *Maiden lane*, and at the North-west corner thereof, the Parish Church of Saint *Iohn Zacharie*, a faire Church' . . .—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 321, col. 2. This Church was burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt.

turne to Richard Burdon, skynner, of Londen. Also I wiþ þat Richard, my brother, haue half þe Cok and þe garlond in Colmanstrete, þe terme of his life, and þe Reuersion to Richard Burdon, 4 skynner, the terme of his life; and after þat, be sold and do for my soule. Also .I. wille þat my wife haue my place called Childerhous in Middelsex' þe terme of here life, to susteyne a preest in the ChapeH of Weston; And after þe deceesse of here, to Richard 8 Quatremayns, and to his heires and assignes, in þe same kynde that sheo hath hit. And ȝef þe preest be not susteyned to pray for me, my wyfe, and alle my freendes, þat hit be sold and do for alle oure soules. Also I wiþ þat Iohn my brother haue my place atte Lee in 12 Deuenshire<sup>1</sup> þe terme of his life; and after þe deceesse of him, þat Iohn my godsoñ, his sone, haue þe same place þe terme of his life; and after þe deceesse of him, þat William, Adam, my brother sone, haue þe same lond, to him and to his heires males of his body laufully 16 begeton for<sup>2</sup> euermore. And ȝef the same William dye withoute issue male of his body laufully begoton, þat hit be sold and disposed for my soule and aH christiañ soules. Also Spensers place atte Newton in Deuenshire, I wiþ þat Thomas, Adam Credy soñ, þat 20 dwelleth with me, haue hit þe terme of his life; And after the deceesse of him, þat William his brother haue hit for euer. Also I wiþ þat Richard Burdon and Denys his wife haue my part of þe Maner Enwarle in Deuen<sup>3</sup> with þe voursons of þe chirche, And also 24 my part of þe maner of Thorncoffyn in Somerset, with þe voursoñ of þe church, And also my part of þe maner of Morston in Deuenshire, the terme of both here lifes; And after the deceesse of hem, þat hit turne to Iohn here sone, and to his heires males. And if it so bee 28 þat he die withoute issue male, I wiþ þat Richard his brother haue hit in fee euer more. Also I wiþ þat William my newew, William my brother soñ, haue aH þe lond which þat Weston, Draper, and I purchased in Frankyngham and other places in Surre, terme of his 32 life; and after his deceesse, þat hit be solde and disposed for my soule and alle cristen soules. And also I wiþ þat Iohn my newew, Iohn

<sup>1</sup> There are 4 Leighs,—East, West, North, South,—near Colyton in Devonshire.

<sup>2</sup> MS. far.      <sup>3</sup> 'shire' follows, underdotted for omission.



my brother soñ, haue, whenne it falleth, my parte of place in Euerchurch in Somerset, to him and to his heires for euermore. Also I wiñ þat my part of þe maner of Stauntoñ in Somerset, and also alle my londes and <sup>1</sup>tenement; which I haue in Exettur in Deuenshire, 4 þat þey been solde by myn Executours. And also I wot þat Alison Burdoñ haue xl marc to her mariage. Also I wiñ þat a preest be founde in Newton, x ðere, to pray for my fader and my moder, me, my wyfe, Richard Forster, all my kyn & all my gode freendis which I 8 am bounde to, and for all christien soules. And þer I wot þat þer be sette C marc to pay his wagis. And also .I. wot þat þere be founde a perpetueñ chaunterie of þe tenement cleped þe Cok in Grubstrete, with cotages annexid þerto, and opir his appurtinaunce, 12 to finde a perpetual preest to singe for my soule, my fader soule, my moder soule, and for all christien soules, in þe church of seint Alpheies<sup>2</sup>, atte Auter of our lady seint Marie. Also I wot þat sir Iohn, preest of þe charneñ, haue ij marc out of my part of þe rente 16 called þe cowe heed in Chepe<sup>3</sup> ðerly, & alle his successours, prestes of þe same charneñ, þat come aftir him, to pray for me Iohn Creden, my wife, my fader, my moder, Richard Forster, and for alle christien soules. Also I wot þat Iohn Biderenden, þe Chamberleyn þat now 20 is, and Iohn Carpynter, comon clerk,<sup>4</sup> and her either successours, haue ðerly comyng oute of þe same rente, eche of hem, vj. s. viij d,

<sup>1</sup> leaf 47.

<sup>3</sup> ? A shop with the sign of a Cow's Head.

<sup>2</sup> *St. Alphage Church* is situate at the N.W. angle of Aldermanbury, one door opening to London Wall . . and the S. door opens into the garden of *Sion College* . . The Church upon its 1st building was dedicated to St. *Alphage*, who was Archbishop of Canterbury . . was stoned to death by the Danes at Greenwich in the year 1012 . . He is in old Authors called *Alfeg* and *Alphy*.—Hatton, *New View of London*, 1708, i. 113, 114. The Charnel is St. Al.'s dead-house.

<sup>4</sup> This was the famous John Carpenter, the learned town-clerk of the City of London (elected April 20, 1417), the compiler of the *Liber Albus*, &c. On a bequest of his, the City of London school was afterwards founded. See Thos. Brewer's *Life and Times of Carpenter*, 1856.—T. Cooper, *Biogr. Dict.* "It may interest your readers to know that the new City schools [on the Thames Embankment] have not been built through the liberality of the Corporation, but out of part of the John Carpenter Estates Trust money. The income arises from 119 houses—five in the city, and the rest in the Tottenham-court-road, the average rental of which cannot be less than £100 per annum each—say £11,000 a year—so that the Corporation for hundreds of years have been receiving a great deal more than they have spent in educating the sons of poor freemen."—1882, *Daily News*, Oct. 19, p. 2, col. 7.

to se þat þis prest, and his successours of þe same charneH, do  
 diligently her' deuer, as hem oweth to do. Also I wol þat þe chirch  
 of Newton haue my masseboke, my portus,<sup>1</sup> my chaleys, my  
 4 vestmentz, and my cruettis,<sup>2</sup> þat I haue her-Inne. Also I wol þat  
 Alison my doghter, of Halywell<sup>3</sup>, [haue] x. marc and þe hous,  
 perpetuelly to prey for me, [&] my gret bolle of seluer. Also I  
 bequeth to þe stepul werk of seint Alpheies by Crepulgate, x mark;  
 8 to þe persone, xx s'; to ech of þe prestes, xl. d; to þe clerk, xl d, to  
 pray for me / Of all my meuable godes which I haue, except my  
 cloping & harneys, I wol þat my wife haue half. Also 'I' wol þat  
 William my Neuew haue x marc, and Aueys my nece, othir x marc  
 12 to her mariage. Also I wol þat Ionet my Cosin haue xl s'. Also  
 þat Richard Burdoñ, Skynner, haue x mark, a habergeon, a swerd  
 harnessed, a wodeknyf<sup>4</sup> harnessed, and a Dagger. Also I wol þat  
 Alison Burdoñ his sister, haue a blewe bedde of Tapecery, a peir'  
 16 blanketis, ij peir' shetys, & a selour<sup>5</sup> with curteyns of carde. Also I  
 wol þat Richard Burdoñ, skynner, haue a white bedde with roses, I  
 peir' of shetis / Also þat eche of hem haue a pot and a panne, a basin  
 and<sup>6</sup> an ewer, and ech of hem half a dosen of peutre vesseH, and  
 20 either of hem a coupe couered with seluer. Also I wol þat Richard  
 Quatremains haue my cheyne of gold, & my lesse swerd harnessed.  
 And þe Residue of all my other godis and cateH, after my dettes paid,  
 I wol þat it be disposid be my executours a-boute my brethreñ and  
 24 my sustreñ and next of my kyn. And I make myn executours,  
 William Frye of Deuenshire, my wife, Iohn Carpinter, comoun  
 clerk, & Iohn Spore, ferroure; And I wol þat ech of hem haue C s'.  
 for her trauaill. In witnes of which þing, to þis my present  
 28 testament I haue sette my seel. Yeuen atte Londen þe day and þe  
 zere a-boue seid.//

*Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro I. Lyndefeld,*

<sup>1</sup> A portable Breviary.

<sup>2</sup> Jugs or vessels to hold the wine and the water separately before they were consecrated. The Chalice held them when mixt for consecration, and consecrated.

<sup>3</sup> The priory of St. John the Baptist, in Bishopsgate, outside the City walls, surrendered to Henry VIII in 1539. See Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 470, col. 1. In or near the grounds of this, Jas. Burbage's *Theatre* stood, where Shakspeare probably first acted and wrote.

<sup>4</sup> ? MS. wadeknyf.

<sup>5</sup> canopy: see p. 36, note 3.

<sup>6</sup> MS. and &.

Commissario &c, viij die mensis Iunij, Anno domini supradicto ; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c Iohanne, Relicte dicti defuncti, & Iohanni Spore, executoribus & c, Reseruata potestate &c : & xxiiij<sup>to</sup> mensis Iulij, acquietati fuerunt executores &c c. 4

### JOHN TOKER, OF LONDON, VINTNER, 1428.

[To be buried in St. Mildred's, Bread St. Gifts to that Church, its Priest, Clerk, &c. ; to Poor, to Prisoners in London and Westminster, to the Poor in Spitals, and the 4 Orders of Friars. To Apprentice H. Thomason, money, the rest of his apprenticeship, term in *The Mermaid*, Bread St. [after, SHAKSPERE'S Tavern], Wine, Silver Cups, Pewter Pots, Napery, and kitchen utensils, and the service of his fellow-apprentice, who is given 40s. Clothing to be sold, and money divided among bedrid folk, &c. Gifts for poor Maiden's Marriages, for Executors, for a Priest to sing 3 years for Testator's soul ; to which his Residue is bequeathd.]

(More, 8 Commissary Court of London, leaf 202 bk.)

[*In margin.*] M. Bred. [St. Mildred's, Bread Street.] *Testamentum Iohannis Toker. Ciuis & Vinetarii Londonie.*

In the name of god, Amen. I, Iohn Toker, Citezein and Vineter of Londoñ, hool of mynde and of body, And in my good memorie being, the sixte day of the moneth of August, the 3ere of oure lord god A M'CCCC And xxviiij, And the 3ere of the regne of 8 Kyng Henri the Sixthe, aftur the conquest the sixte, I make and ordeigne my present testament in this maner and fourme. First I be-quethe my soule to almygh̃ti god my creatour and maker, And to his blessed modur oure lady saynte Marie, and to aH the holy 12 companye of heuene, and my body to be buried in the chirche of Seynt Mildredis, in Brede Stret in Londoñ. Also I be-quethe to the hygh auter of the same Chirche for my tythes and offrynges forgyeten and withdrauiē, xl s'. Also I be-quethe to euery prest of 16 the forseid Chirch, forto praie for my sowle, vj s' viij d. Also I be-quethe to the Clerk of the same Chirche, iij s' iij d. Also I be-quethe to the werkis and profitis of the seied chirche, xij s'

iij d. Also I be-quethe to be distribued among poure folk duellyng  
 in the forseid parisch of Seynt Mildred, forto pray for my sowle, xl s'.  
 Also I be-quethe to be distribued a-mong prisoners in the prisons of  
 4 Ludgate, Marchalsie, Kyngesbenche, And the Countours in Londoñ,  
 that is to seie, in euery of the seid prison[s], the prisoners to praie  
 for my soule, xx. s'; And a-mong the prisoners in the Flete, and the  
 Clerkes conuict at Westminster, that is to seie, in euery of the two  
 8 prisons, to pray for my soule, x s'.<sup>1</sup> Also I be-quethe to be distribued  
 a-mong pore folk lying sike in the SpiteH of oure lady<sup>2</sup> with-oute  
 Bisshopes-gate, Oure lady of Bedlem, Oure lady of Elsingspitel,<sup>3</sup> of  
 seynt Bathilmewys in Smythfeeld, And seint Thomas in Sowthwerk,  
 12 in euery spitel to pray for my sowle, vj s' viij d. Also I be-quethe  
 to the fowre ordres of the freres in Londoñ, that is to seie, to euery  
 hous of the seide ordurs of freres forto pray for my soule, xx. s'.  
 Also I be-quethe Tho Henry Thommissone, myn apprentice, vj ti, xiiij  
 16 s', iij d, And also I forgeff and relece to the seid Henry alle his  
 termes to me comyng of his apprenticeshod. Also I wil that the  
 same Henry haue alle the termes and possession that is comyng to  
 me of my mancion that is cleped the Mermaid in Bredstreet, beryng  
 20 the charges and the rentes ther-of duryng the seide termys. Also I  
 wil that the same Henry haue in possession to his profite and  
 easment duryng an hool ȝere next aftur myn obit day, Alle the  
 encrece that is comyng of my wyne a-boue the stok, And more ouer  
 24 all my peces and kuppes of siluer, peuder pottes, Naapri, and all the  
 vtensilmentes longyng to my kechyn, as for that forsaid ȝer enduryng.  
 Also I wil that this reward be truly doon and treuly fulfeld to the  
 same Henry vp-on this, that he gouerne hym goodly and onestly as  
 28 he oweth forto do, aftur the rewle and discrecioun of myne executours.  
 Also I wil that the same Henri haue all the termes comyng to me of

<sup>1</sup> In margin is 'habent Acquietanciam,' that is, the Executors hav paid the Court dues on the Will.

<sup>2</sup> 'Saint Marie Spittle': Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 175-6. It had 'at the surrender thereof [to Henry VIII] ninescore beds, well furnished for receipt of poore people.'—p. 86 b. Stow notes 'the Charnell and Chappell of Saint Edmond the Bishop, and Mary Magdalen,' p. 176, col. 1. Cp. 'Charnel' abuv, p. 75, l. 16.

<sup>3</sup> In Cripplegate: see Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 86 b, 304 a.

Henry Clopton, myn other apprentice. And also I be-quethe to that same Henry Clopton 'xl s'. Also I wil that myn aray and clothyng to my body longyng, a-non) aftur my deces be sold, And the monei ther-of comyng & taken, I wil that hit be deuided and parted among 4 pouere folk lieng bedred, and in other werkes of charite most plesyng to god and to the helthe of my soule. Also I 3iue and bequethe to the mariage of onest and poure maidens, to be distributed a-mong hem aftur the wil and discrecion of myn executours, xij fi vj 8 s'. viij d. Also I bequethe to euerich of myn executours takyng charge to compleet and to do execucioñ of this my present testament, v. fi. Also I wil that a discreet and an abul preest be choson aftur the good discrecion of myne executours [so] to syng and rede for 12 my sowle and aH criston soules in the forseid chirch of seynt Mildredis duryng the termys of thre 3er next suwyng aftur my deces. And I be-quethe to the sustentacion of that seide preest for the forseid terme of thre 3er, xx. fi. The residue of aH my godes and 16 catalles and dettours, what so-euer they be aftur my dettes paide and my present testament fulfillid, I be-quethe to be distributed and departed for my sowle, and for the soules of aH tho that I am boond to praye for, And for the soules of aH trewe criston pepul, like as 20 myn executours seme best, to plesse god, and profit to the helthe of my soule. And of this my present testament, I make and ordeigne myn executours, that is to seie, Richard Banaster And Edmond Scheffild, Citezins and vineters of the forsaid cite, aH and euerich 24 aboue expressid, iustly to complete, and treuly to spede. In witnesse of the whiche thyng, on this my present testament I haue put my seal. Date at London the day and the yer aforesaid.

Probatum fuit hoc presens testamentum coram nobis Willelmo 28 Stonham & c, Commissario Reuerendi in christo patris & domini domini Willelmi, dei gratia Londonie Episcopi & c, generali, iij<sup>o</sup> nonarum Septembris Anno domini M<sup>i</sup> cccc<sup>o</sup> xxviiij<sup>o</sup>. Approbatum, insinuatum, ac pro eodem per nos legitime pronunciatum; & Comissa 32 est Administracio omnium bonorum dictum [so] defuncti & c Executoribus interius nominatis, et Admissa per &c c.

ROBERT SCHAPMAN, OF HARINGAY,  
MIDDLESEX, 1428.

[Moveables to Wife. Gifts to Haringay Church, and Trinity Chapel there; to God-children, High-ways, Daughter, and Priest to sing for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 203 B.)

[H]aringey.<sup>1</sup> *Testamentum Roberti Schapman.* [In margin.]

In dei nomine Amen. I Robert Schapman, in Rithe mynde, make my testement in this forme. I be-quethe my sowle to god, to yowre [so] lady Lady, and to Alle þe holy compani of heuen; my bodi to be  
4 berijt in the chircbau<sup>2</sup> of houre La[dy] of Harryngey. Also I be-quethe to my wyfe alle þ<sup>e</sup> goodis þat be meuablis, and sche to be my prinsepall seccutur, with Gefori London and Thomas Howe, þey to dispose þe goodis for me like as my [for 'they'] wole answere to-fore  
8 gode atte þ<sup>e</sup> day of gogement<sup>3</sup>: furst to þe hihe auter, xij d; to þe secutours of Robert Childe, v s'; to heuery of my gode childrin  
·xij d<sup>4</sup>; and to a prest for to singe for me and aȝ cristin soulis, competent saleri for an hole here [= yere]<sup>5</sup>; to heu[er]i of my  
12 secutoris, v s'.; to hie weyis, vj s' viij d; to the keuering<sup>6</sup> of the trinite schapell of Haringey, vj s' viij d; to my dowter, xl. s'. In cuius rei testimonium, sigillum apposui. Datum in Haringey, Anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo octauo, primo die mensis Nouem-  
16 bris. vj<sup>to</sup> Iduum Nouembris probatum fuit; & com[missa] Execu-  
toribus Anno domini M<sup>i</sup> cccc<sup>o</sup> xxviiij.

<sup>1</sup> Hornsey, Middlesex, N. of London. There's a Haringay Park there now. (The leaf is not numberd in due order in the MS.)

<sup>2</sup> Churchyard.

<sup>3</sup> Judgment.

<sup>4</sup> In margin (as to the Executors), 'habent Acquietanciam.'

<sup>5</sup> Cp. youre for houre, our (Lady) above.

RICHARD WHYTEMAN, OF LONDON,  
WAXCHANDLER, 1428.

[Gifts to his Parish Church, and for the doing of his Devotions there (burning Tapers). Two pairs of Candlesticks, the right to buy the best gilt Candlestick, and the Moulds and Trade tools, given to S. Whitehed. Bequests to Cousin, and Katherine Whyteman. 6 Torchcs to be burnt on Testator's Death-day, or Mind-day. A yearly Mind-day to be held for 7 years after his death. Residue to his Wife.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 209.)

M. Ripam.<sup>1</sup> *Testamentum Ricardi Whiteman.* [In margin.]

In y<sup>e</sup> name of good' Amen, the xxij day of Ianuary, In the yere of our lord Anno domini M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxviiij<sup>uo</sup>, I Richard Whyteman, Citezein and wexchaundeler of London, In my good mynde beyng, y make my testament in this wyse : First y be-quethe 4 my scule to almyhty god my creatour, our Blessid virgine Marie, and to alle the Seintes, and my Body to be beried wher god wof yn my parisshe chirche. Also y be-quethe to þe hye Auter for my Offryng, yef eny be for-yeten, vj s' viij d. Also y be-quethe to the 8 wherk of the Iff of the toon side of the Cloistere in the Chirchewawe whan þe parisshe be-gynnen to Edifie hit, vj s' viij d. Also y wof that myne Executours hold & parfourme forth my deuouaciouns forth as I was wonte, that ys to seyn, on mydsomer eve to-fore seint 12 Iohn Baptiste in my parisshe chirche, ordeyne a tapre of half A pound, & þat it brenne as longe as hit wof [for wof] dure, and þus euery yer aftir my decesse ; Also to-fore seint Iohn Ewangelist in the seyde chirche, thei ordeyne euery yere iij tapres of a pound, to brenne 16 frome ye Even forth as longe as they wof dure, and thus euery yer after my decesse ; Also to-fore oure ladi in Sanct Marie Chapeil in the seid chirche, þei ordeyne I Tapre of a ponde, to brenne euery even of oure lady, and þe day as atte salue, & euery principall day, 20 as longe As hit wof dure ; and þus for to be don from yere to yere.

<sup>1</sup> St. Michael, in the ward of Queenhithe. Church in Thames St.  
R. E. WILLS. G

Also y bequethe and yeve to Symkyn Whitehed, my Russet Candelstykes, and I paire Candelsteokes secundaries next poo. Also y be-quethe to Iohn Hewet, Ioynour, my cosyn, so pat he take þe  
 4 Charge of this testament, vj s'. viij d. Also y Bequethe to Katherine Whyteman, to her mariage, x marc, the whiche Katherine, whith the mony, be in the keypyng and Gouvernance of myne Executours after whriten, to tyme sche come to ful age, And y-mariet. And yif sche  
 8 dye with-Inne age, y woth þat þ<sup>e</sup>. x. marc be put to a prest to synge in þ<sup>e</sup> seid Chirche by a yere for me & AH Cristen soulis. Also After my decesse I woth þat my best candelsteke y-gylt with þe cros, be sold yn þe best manere þat my executours konne or may, saf y woth that  
 12 Synken a-forseid, And he woth, haue hem A-fore eny othir man, he [for be] .xl s'. better chepe þanne eny other man woth yeve þere-fore, be [for he] to have ther-of resonable daies of paiement; and with the whiche mony I woth þat myne Executours parfourme this my testa-  
 16 ment. Also y woth that myn Executours ordeyne, the day of my dyng' or of my mynde, vj torches brenyng'; & after aft the service ys done, I woth be-quethe I torche ecclesie me[e] parochial'; I, ecclesie de Wondesworth; <sup>1</sup> I. to seint mildred chirche; <sup>2</sup> I, to seint Nicholas  
 20 Oloff; <sup>3</sup> I, to Garlekhithe Chirche; <sup>4</sup> I, to Trinite chirche. <sup>5</sup> Also .y. bequethe to Simkin aforseid aft my mooldes & instrumentis to my craft longyng', after my decesse and my wiues. Also y wolle þat myne executours, vij yere after my decesse, holdyn twelf monthes  
 24 mynde. the residue of aft my goodes mevable, (after þat my wiþ, my be-questes of this testament be parfourmed, and my dettes principali de [for be] paid,) y. yeve & be-quethe to Alice Whitman my wif, where-so-euer þat þei ben. to þis my testament y make myne  
 28 Executours, þ<sup>e</sup> seid Alice principale, Iohn Hewet, and Symken

<sup>1</sup> Wandsworth, Surrey, near London.

<sup>2</sup> Bread Street, in the city: see John Toker's Will, 1428, p. 77 abuv.

<sup>3</sup> St. Nicholas Olave, on the West side of the street cald Bread St. Hill, runing down to the Thames, where our worthy friends and printers, Clay and Taylor, hav their London hous of business. See Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 399 a.

<sup>4</sup> In the Vintry Ward: "the Parish Church of Saint James, called at *Garlicke Hith*, or *Garlicke hve*, for that (of old time) on the River of *Thames*, neere to this Church, *Garlicke* was usually sold."—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 262 b.

<sup>5</sup> In Knight-Riders Street, Queen-Hithe Ward, near Thames St.—Stow (1633), p. 297.



aforseid, executours with her; and sir William Wright perosone of my parische chirche, ouerseer of þis my testament; to þe wheche sir William, y yeve for his travail, to do þ<sup>e</sup> travaille, xl d. In witnesse of whiche thyng, to this present I haue put to my seah in þe day and 4 yer aforseid.

Probatum fuit hoc presens testamentum coram nobis Willelmo Stonham & c, x<sup>o</sup> kalendarum Marcij, Anno domini supradicto & c. Commissa que est administracio & c Executoribus & c. 8

WALTER NEWENT, ? OF ST. PANCRAS,  
LONDON, 1428.

[To be buried where he dies. All goods to go to his Wife.]

(Luffenam, ff. 78 bk.)

Testamentum Walteri Newent. [In margin.]

In dei nomine amen. This þe testament of Water Newent, y-written in londen þe xxviiij day of Iune þe 3ere of oure lord M<sup>c</sup>ccc xxviiij. First, I beqwethe my soule to almyghty god, and to oure lady, and to all þe holy company of heuen, and my body to be beryed 12 in what churchyard ther as I dye in þe pariss. Item I beqwethe all maner of godis to my wyf Alson Newent, and she forto do me like as she wolde I dede for her in þe same cas. witnes of þis simple testament, Ionet Arguston, Master Richard Granger parson of seint 16 Pancras, William Boteler, W. Croddish, Porter, and Alson Walsyngham; and þerto I point my signet and my syne manue / Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario & c, xvj die mensis Decembris, Anno domini supradicto, 20 et commissa est administracio bonorum & c Alicie, Relicte dicti defuncti, & Executrici & c, Reseruata potestate & c.

leaf 79.

HARY VAN SANDWYK, OF ST. CLEMENTS,  
LONDON, 1430.

[Gifts to St. Clement's Church. Goods, &c. to Jn. Roode, and Troyde his wife.]

(More, 3 Com<sup>r</sup>. Crt of London, lf. 253, bk.)

Clementis.<sup>1</sup> *Testamentum Henrici Van Sandwyk.*

In þe name of god, Amēn. The xxij day of Nouember, þe 3er of oure lorde M CCCC and xxx, I Hary Van Sandwyk, make and ordeyne my testament in þys maner, beyng in fol discrecion And  
4 hool mynde: Ferst .I. be-queþe my soule to Almyghti god, þe blessyd virgine Marie, And to alle the Seintis, My body to [be] beried in þe chirche 3erd of Sent Clementis. Also I be-queþe to heigh Auter of þe seið cherche, for tipingys and offeringes forȝete,  
8 xx ð. Also y be-queþe to þe body of þe same cherche iij s' iiij ð. Also .I. be-queþe Iohn Roode and Troyde hys wyf, Alle myne houshold, and in mony vj s. viij ð. And to þys testament I make And ordeyne myne executour, þe for-seið Iohn Roode.

- 12 *Probatum fuit presens testamentum Coram nobis, Stephano Germēn, Commissario generali, & c, iij kalendarum Decembris, Anno Domini supradicto. Commissa executori in dicto nominato & c—comparuit.*

<sup>1</sup> St. Clements, "East Cheap, Clement's-lane, Lombard-street. A church in Candlewick-ward, destroyed in the great fire, and rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren as we now see it. Bishop Pearson (d. 1686) was rector, and in the old church (described by Stow as 'small' and 'void of monuments') preached those sermons upon the Creed which led to his well-known Exposition—a standard book in English divinity, dedicated by its author 'to the right worshipful and well-beloved, the parishioners of St. Clement's, Eastcheap.'"—1850. Cunningham's *Hand-book of London*.

ALYS CHIRCHE, WIDOW, OF ST. MARY HILL,  
LONDON, 1430.

[To be buried at Twickenham. Gifts to lights in Twickenham Church, to Twick, and Kingston Bridges, Wyke Causeway, and Harlington Church. 6*d.* each to two Folk. Household necessities to R. Soler. Residue for Husband's soul, and Testatrix's.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 262.)

*Testamentum* Alicie Chirch, de parochia beate Marie Atte Hille<sup>1</sup>.

[between Billingsgate & East Cheap, London.]

In the name of oure lord god, Amen. I, Alys Chirche, beyng in full mende, be-queth my sowle to Almyghty god, to oure lady seint Marie, and to all the Blyssid company of hevyn, And my body to be byried in the Chirch yerð of Twykenham.<sup>2</sup> Al-so y be-queth 4 to the hie Autour, xij ð; Al-so to our lady lyghȝt, vj ð; Item to the rede<sup>3</sup> lyghȝt, vj ð; Item to seint Mergret lyghȝt, iiij ð; Item to seint Colas lyghȝt, iiij ð; Item to Twykenham brygge<sup>4</sup> iiij ð; Item to Kyngston brigge<sup>5</sup> vj ð; Item to the causy atte Wyke,<sup>6</sup> iiij ð; Item 8 to the Chirche of Herdyngton,<sup>7</sup> ij Buscheȝ barly; Item to Water Rykarð I bȝ [= bushell] Barly; Item to Ionet Carter, vj ð; Item to Thomas, Myne seruant, vj ð; Item to Richard Soler alle necessarijs longynge to housold of dede store, saue a grete brasse potte. And 12

<sup>1</sup> In this St. Mary Hill Lane ('commonly called Rood lane') is the faire Parish Church of *S. Mary*, called *on the Hill*, because of the ascent from Belinsgate.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 227 a.

<sup>2</sup> In Middlesex, 10 miles from London, on the S. Western Rail, and the bank of the Thames. The earlier spellings of the name are *Twittenham* (791, 948 A.D.) and *Twitham* (840).—Thorne, *Environs of London*.

<sup>3</sup> ? Rode, Cross.

<sup>4</sup> Probably the bridge over the Colne, near the present railway station.

<sup>5</sup> Over the Thames, at Kingston, Surrey.

<sup>6</sup> An outlying part of Twickenham (?). Most country villages have their 'wick.' We had one at my native Egham.

<sup>7</sup> Harlington, Middlesex, now a quiet rural village at the N.W. end of Hounslow Heath. In Domesday Book it was '*Herdintone*,' and was cald Hardington till near the end of the 16th century.—Thorne, *Environs of London*.

Alle the Residue of my godys nouzt byqwothin, I yeue and ordeigne to Richard Soler and Roger Yelot, myne executours, that they dispose it for my hosbondys sove and myn, and alle Cristen,  
 4 as them best seme to doon. Wryten at Twykenham, the seconde day of ApriH, the yere off our lord M<sup>i</sup> iiij<sup>o</sup> & xxx.

*Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, Stephano Germen, Reuerendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Willelmi, dei*  
 8 *gratia Londonie Episcopi, in Ciuitate Londonie ac decanatu Middle-*  
*sexie & Berking, & c, Commissario generali, xiiij kalendarum Marcij,*  
*Anno domini supradicto. Commissa-que fuit Administracio dicti*  
*defuncti & c Executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis, Ac per eos*  
 12 *Admissa.*

### RICHARD GRAVELEY, OF LONDON, GROCER, 1430.

[To be buried in the Porch of All-Hallows, Barking. A Horse, 2 gold Nobles, and 6 silver Spoons, to W. Graveley. £2 to wife's Servant. £20 for Daughter's marriage. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, lf. 265, back.)

*Omnium Sanctorum, Berkyng.*<sup>1</sup> *Testamentum Ricardi Graveley.*

In the name of god, Amen. I Richard Graweley<sup>2</sup> of London, Grocer, ordeyn And graunte my testament in this maner: Ferst y bequeth my sowle to our lord god Almyghty, maker of hewne and of  
 16 yerth, praeyng and besekyng our lady seynt Mary, the modyr of our lord Ihesu, & all the company of hevne to pray for me to our lord Ihesu our savyour, tha[t] y may haue mercy and foryevenysse of synne. Al-so y bequeth my body to be byriyd in þ<sup>e</sup> porche of the  
 20 Church of at Halewyn, Berkyng, by syde the towre of London, on

<sup>1</sup> This church was one of the few London ones not burnt in the Great Fire. It was too far to the East. The Monument (1546 A.D.) of Wm. Thynne, the first Editor of Chaucer (1532, 1542), is still in the Church.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 130-1. Bp. Fisher and Archbp. Laud were buried here. The whole building had a narrow escape at the Great Fire, for, as Pepys records, the dial and porch were burnt, and the fire there quenched. The church is at the East end of Tower-street.—Cunningham.

<sup>2</sup> The *w* in the name is the same as *v*: cp. 'hewne' (= 'hevne,' line 17, heaven), 2 lines below.

the sowth syde of the chirch. Al-so y be-quethe to my brother William Graueley of London an hors, þ<sup>e</sup> which ys in hys own kepyng, & ij nobles of golde the which he owid me, and vj sylver spones, and an olde sylour for a bedde. Al-so I bequeth to Margaret, 4 Knoston, my wyves seruauunt, xl s'. Al-so y bequeth to my doughtour Kateryn xx li to hir maryage yf she leve so longe, & yf she passe to god or she [be] maryed, y wolt that my wyf haue that money. And yf my wyf and my doughtour deye or [leaf 266] they<sup>1</sup> 8 be maried, I wil þat þat money be yefen in Almys for my sowle, & for here sowle. and Añ the Remenent of my gode & Cateñ, y bequeth to my wif. And vpon this testament y make And ordeyne my wyf and Iohn Abbey to be myn Executouris, to dispose my 12 gode, and to performe my wille, As they wille Answer a-for god.

*Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, Stephano Germen, Commissario & c, viij kalendarum Februarii, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxx. Commissa-que administracio Iohanni Abbey, 16 Reservata potestate committendi Administracionem Executrici cum aduenerit, & c.*

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WILLIAM FITZ-HARRY, OF COSIN LANE,  
LONDON, 1431.

[£50 for a Priest to sing 5 years for Testator's soul; and £10 for another to say 30 Masses and St. Gregory's Trental for a year. £10 for a Tomb. Stone to be carvd with crest, and 'Word' (or Motto) "Mercy and Joy." £10 to Poor. Money-gifts to Executors, &c. Wife to have House in Cosin Lane, and 3 fourths of all goods; Brother, the other fourth.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, H. 285, bk.)

*Testamentum Willelmi Fitz Harry. [In margin.]*

In the name of the holy blissed Trinite, oure souerayn lady seynt Marie, and añ holy Seyntes, Amen. I, William Fitz-Harry, 20 beyng yn goode heale and yn my full wittes, make my testament yn this manere: First y bequethe my soule to god, my verry lord and

? Wife die before daughter, and daughter before she's marrid.

sayoure, for to abyde his gracious ordenaunce and mercy, and my  
 body to be buryed there as he hath of his grace ordeyned; and to  
 that place y yeue x li of gold. And y wil, ther synge v. yere for me  
 4 and for tho that y am most bounde to pray fore, a trewe prest, and  
 that y wil it be Frere William, if it be so that he haue sikerly leve  
 of his Provynce and of his house; and elles, y wil haue the best  
 lyver that may be y-geten: and y wille this prest haue ech yere x li,  
 8 that is to say, in v. yere, l' li; and y wil haue done for me the first  
 day after that my soule ys passed, xxx<sup>ii</sup> messes yn the wyse of a  
 trenta of seynt Gregorie; and when this is done, y wil the best  
 prest that may be founde, sey for me the saide trenta, with the hole  
 12 diriges, and all the service thurgh-out the yere, and the prest to haue  
 x li. And y wil, that on my body be laide a faire stone of Marble  
 with my creste, myn armes, my vanturs, in blewe, reede, and white,  
 and my word "mercy and ioie", to which word I take me fully for  
 16 euermore. the price of the stone schalle be x li; and y wil that my  
 pariss churche haue all here duetees. And y wil there be delt for  
 me yn hast to poure folke, x li. And y make myne executours, my  
 wyf, my brother sir Iohn Fitz-Harry, Maister Thomas Morstede,  
 20 Frere William Croland, Benet Maliot, and Robert Horne. And y  
 yeue to Maister Thomas, x mark; and to Frere William, for he ys  
 poure, x mark and his pece; And to Benet, for his pouert and long  
 trewe service, xx li; and to Robert Horne xx mark, and to Thomelyn  
 24 x mark. And y yeue Robert Pokyng, x mark; And y yeue to  
 Robert Fulman, x mark; to Iohn Hale, v. mark; to Bussh, xx s'; to  
 Phelippe, xx s'; to Ionet Wyntryngham, xx mark; to Anneys  
 Mytton atte Lyon, x li; to Maude Wilbe, xx li, so am y sworne; to  
 28 Ienet Rye, x mark; to Ienet of Rone, v. mark. and when all this is  
 paid and done, and my wille fulfilled, I wil [leaf 286] my wyf  
 haue myn hous in London, with all the rentes that y haue in  
 Cosynlane.<sup>1</sup> Than wil I that all manere of goodes that y haue, or be  
 32 owyng to me in any wyse, it ys my wille that my wyf [haue] alwey

<sup>1</sup> East from this *Downgate*, is *Cosin lane*, named of one *William Cosin*,  
 that dwelled there in the fourth of *Richard* the second, as diuers his predecessors,  
 Fathers, Grandfathers, &c. had done before him.—*Stow's Survey*, 1633, p.  
 249 b. '*Downegate*, on the Thames, and is so called, of that downe-going or  
 descending thereunto.'—*ib.* p. 248 a. *Dowgate* and *Walbrook* are in it.

thre parties, and my brother *sir* Iohn the forth part, that is, plainly to sey, of ech iiij.<sup>o</sup> mark, my wyf haue to haue iiij.<sup>o</sup> mark, and my brother C mark. and of alle myn executours that y haue reherseð afore, whiche y haue chosyn, for trewe perfit loue I require hem and 4 charge hem, as they wol answere afore oure lord on the hie day of Iugement, that they trewly and fully fulfille aH my wille and myn entent abouewriten : and this y aske of thaym, that they do this trewly and kyndely, for the loue and at the reuerence of aH-myghty 8 ihesu, yn whos mercy and grace I putte me holy, both body and soule, for euermore, Amen. That this ys fully my last wiH, I sette ther-to my sygne manueH.

Probatum fuit *presens testamentum* coram nobis, Iohanne DrueH, 12 Commissario &c, vj<sup>o</sup> Idus Septembris, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxxj<sup>o</sup>; *Commissaque* fuit administracio Elizabethæ, relicte dicti defuncti, Iohanni Fitz-Harry, Magistro Thome Morstede<sup>1</sup> [& Roberto Horne *interlined*], *executoribus* in dicto testamento nominatis 16 & c, Reseruata potestate nobis committendi onus administracionis bonorum huiusmodi Alijs coexecutoribus interius nominatis cum venerint & c. *comparuit* coram nobis xvij<sup>o</sup> die Nouembris, Anno supradicto, Benedictus Maleot, & onus administracionis commissum 20 fuit sibi.

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RICHARD TYRELL, ? OF STOKE-DABERNON,  
SURREY, 1431.

[To be buried at Sopwell, Herts. Gifts to Sopwell Church and its Nuns; to the Friars of Guildford, and Roodloft of Stoke. Residue to Executors and Wife, for Testator's Soul. He writes his Will.]

(Register Luffenam, lf. 106 bk.)

*Testamentum Ricardi Tyrell, Armigeri. [In margin.]*

**I**n dei nomine amen. I Richard Tyrell, being in helth and good mynde, ordeyne and make my testament in this wise : First I

<sup>1</sup> Morsted was a Doctor, says Mr. Chalenor Smith.

bequethe my sinfull soule to god almyghty, to his moder blessed Marye, and to all the holy seintes in heuen, and my body to be buried in the chirche of SoppeweH.<sup>1</sup> Also I bequethe for  
 4 reparation of the sayd chirch and place, where most nede is, x marc; Also to the Noñnes of the said chirch, egally to be departed among hem, to pray for my soule, x marc; Also to the Freres of Gilford,<sup>2</sup> lxxj s', viij d; Also for reparation of the chirch,  
 8 and specially þe rodelofte of Stoke,<sup>3</sup> C s'. The remenaunt of my good I giffe and bequethe to William Estfeld, Mercer and Alderman of Londeñ, Dame Alionore HuH, Roger Husewyffe, prest, and to Amy my wyfe, whom I make Executours of my testament and my  
 12 last wilH, to do and dispose for profite and wel of my soule aftir ther discrecioun. And also I wolH that sir NicholH Dixon, Clerk, have the suruewe<sup>4</sup> of my said Executours. In wittenes of the which thing I haue putte ther-to my seeH. Writen atte StokDabernoun<sup>5</sup> the xxvj  
 16 day of Maij, the regne of kyng Harry the vj aftir conquest, the ix 3ere, and of oure lord of Heuen a M' cccc & xxxj. writen with myn owen hond / *Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c, die mensis Iulij, Anno domini*  
 20 *supradicto; et commissa est administracio bonorum &c Executoribus in eodem nominatis; ac xxiiij die mensis Septembris acquietati fuerunt Executores &c.*

<sup>1</sup> In Hertfordshire, near St. Albans.

<sup>2</sup> In Surrey.

<sup>3</sup> Probably the Stoke near Guildford.

<sup>4</sup> Overseeing, oversight.

<sup>5</sup> Stoke-Dabernon (Dalberon, or Daborn), Surrey, between Cobham and Fetcham, near the river Mole.—Walker's *Gazetteer*.



## ISABEL GREGORY, OF HACKNEY, 1431-2.

[Gifts of a Table-cloth to the high altar of Hackney Church; of a Bed, Mattress, Sheets, Pot, Pan, Buffet, 2 Cushions, Gowns plain and furd, Kirtle, Wood, Coal, Chest, Barrel, Fire-pan, Forn, File, Chest, and 6 Hens.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 296 bk.)

Testamentum Isabel Gregory de Hakeney.<sup>1</sup> [*In margin.*]

I, Isabel Gregory, I be-quethe my soule to god Almygthy, and to owre lady sent Mary, and aH the company of heuen, & my body to be beryit in sent Austynyscherchhawe of Hakeney. I be-quethe the hey auter a bord-cloth is iij 3erdys of lenthe or mor, (the *tother* is xj 4 3erdys of lenthe). also I be-quethe the bed that I lyin in, to Aneys New-kole, saf the materas: that schaff Idany Hale haue. I be-quethe to Iohn of the spetiH, a schete, and a bras pot of a galon, and an old panna. al-so I be-quethe the [same] Idany a bofet;<sup>2</sup> and to 8 the same Idony, ij cosyonys. also I be-quethe to Ione my dowter, a blew goune and a grene kyrtyH, and a schete. al-so I be-quethe to I [so] Idany of the spetiH, my wode and my Cole. also, I make and ordeyne that WiH Seluester haue the gouernaunce. of aH other godys 12 that I have be-syde, I make a fre 3efte to WiH Seluester to selle, and to 3eue for my soule and aH Crystyne soulis, in the best maner that may ben ordeynyt. al-so I be-quethe to Ionet Seluester a blake cote, furryd. aHso I be-quethe to Thomas Formannis wyf a russet gownne 16 lynyt with whythe blanket. also to Idany Hale a cloke and a gownne of russet, furrit; also in esement of Idany and of Iohn of the spetyH, for Almys I lent hem, a chest, and a vergyous bareH, and a fyerpanne, and a forme, and a pot of bras, with a vyle, and a forser<sup>3</sup> with loke 20 and kye, and vj hennys.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, Iohanne DrueH.

<sup>1</sup> Then a village N. of London; now part of it.

<sup>2</sup> Fr. 'buffet': m. A court-cupboard, or high-standing cupboard.—1611. Cotgrave.

<sup>3</sup> Ital. 'forziere, a chest, a forcet, a coffin, a casket, a cabinet.'—Florio. 1598.

Commissario &c, x<sup>o</sup> die Ianuarii, anno domini M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxxj. Et commissa fuit Administracio Willelmo Seluester, executori interius nominato.

RICHARD GRAY, OF ST. BARTHOLOMEWS,  
LONDON, 1432-3.

[To be buried in St. Bartholomew's Church, with 4 Tapers and 4 Torches. All Goods to Executors, for Testator's Soul. (Nothing to Wife and 2 Sons.)]

(More, 3 Com<sup>7</sup>. Court of London, lf. 340 bk.)

Bartholomei. Testamentum Ricardi Gray. [*In margin.*]

4 In the name of god, Amen. I, Rychard<sup>e</sup> Gray, not hole of body but hole in myn<sup>d</sup>, mak my testament concernyng my last wy<sup>h</sup> in this wyse: I be-queth & geue my sowle in-to the hondys of oure lord<sup>e</sup> Ihesu crist, & to oure lady seynt Mary, and to Peter & Powle & seynt  
8 Bertylmew, & to a<sup>ll</sup> the Apostolles, confessors virgyn & Marters, and to a<sup>ll</sup> the company of heuen, and my body to be beryed a-for the trinite autre in chirche of seynt Bertylmew.<sup>1</sup> And y wy<sup>h</sup>, as towchyng<sup>e</sup> my bryngyng on erth, to be takyn of the hole goodes that  
12 is my owne, & that ther be a-bowt my body iiij tapers & iiij torches, & that ther be geuen vn-to the conuent vj s. viij d for to pray for me to our lord<sup>e</sup> Ihesu cryst. And as towchyng to a<sup>ll</sup> my goodes mevealble [so] & vnmevable, to dispose ham, I mak & ordeyne vn-to  
16 my executer, my wyiff Anneys, & my lord<sup>e</sup> sir William Couentre, prior of seynt Bertylmew<sup>2</sup> in Westsmythfeld in London, for to

<sup>1</sup> In Smithfield, not in Broad st. Ward. 'Next is the Parish Church of Saint Bartholomew, at the end of Bartholomew Lane.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 191 a.

<sup>2</sup> The 'Priory of St. Bartholomew, founded also by Rahere, a pleasant witted Gentleman; and therefore in his time called the King's Minstrell, about the yeere of Christ, 1102. . . To this Priory, King Henry the second granted the pryledge of a Faire to bee kept yearly at Bartholomeutide, for three daies . . . to the which the Clothiers and Drapers of London repaired, and had their Boother and standings within the Church-yard of this Priory.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 418 a, 419 a.

dyspose the same goodes to helth and saluacion) of my sowle, as tham semyth best to be don), wyttenssyng<sup>r</sup> Maister Iohn Wylbury, dwellyng in Ive Lane<sup>1</sup> besyde seynt Powles, & Syr Ion Venys, chanon) of Seynt Bartilmew, & my ij sonnys Richard & Iohn: 4 wrytten the vij day of March, the 3ere of our lord a thowsand iiij<sup>o</sup> xxxij.

*Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis, I & ; vltimo die Marcij, Anno domini Mcccc xxxiiij<sup>o</sup>, commissaque fuit administracio 8 Agneti, relicte eiusdem, reservata potestate committend-de domino Willelmo Couentre cum venerit.*

### JOHN BARNET, OF LONDON, DRAPER, 1433.

[Gifts of 3s. 4d. each to 3 Churches, and of Gowns to poor Tenants. Blood-red gown to be sold for Testator's soul.]

(More, 3 Com<sup>r</sup>. Court of London, lf. CCC liij<sup>o</sup>.)]

*Testamentum Iohannis Barnet. [In margin.]*

In the name of god, Amen. The xvj day of the monyth of April, the yere of our lord Ihesu Crist Millesimo cccc xxxiiij, I Iohn 12 Barnet, Citezin and draper of London, beyng in good mynde and in hool resoun, make my testament in forma sewyng<sup>r</sup>: ffyrst I beqwethe my sovle to god Almyghty, and to hys moder the glorious virgyn our lady seynt Marye, and all the holy seyntes of hevене, And my body 16 to be beryed where the Avise is of myn executours. And I make myn executours, Marie my wyif, and my sone Richard, Marie to be evermore myn executrice principall,<sup>2</sup> And no thyng to be dymened agens here wille. And I be-qwethe to the chirche of seynt Petris, iij s 20 iiij &; and to Barnet chirche,<sup>3</sup> iij s' iiij &; And to Monkes chirch,<sup>4</sup> iij s'

<sup>1</sup> Ivy Lane, near Paternoster Row: 'Next is *Ivie Lane*, so called of Ivie growing on the walls of the Prebends houses.'—Stow, p. 388 a.

<sup>2</sup> In margin, as to Executors, '*habent acquietanciam*.'

<sup>3</sup> Barnet, in Middlesex, and Hertfordshire, 11 miles N. by W. of London.

<sup>4</sup> Monkenchurch or Monken (Monks') Hadley, now Hadley, adjoins Barnet, Middlesex, on the N.—Thorne's *Environs of London*, i. 265. See Notes, below.

iiij d. Also I beqwethe to my poore tenauntes, my govyns [to] be partyd after the devys of myn executours aboveseyd, everich of hem a govne. Also I wilh that my sangvyn govne be sold, & do for my sovre.

4 In wytnesse of the which, I have put to this present testament my seal: wytnesse of this testament, sire Richard Seynour, Simond Cake, Richard Derby, clerk, Dated, 3ere & day aboveseyd. Probatum & coram I d. xxij<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis, Anno supradicto, & commissa Adminis-

8 tracio executoribus & c.

WALTER MANGEARD, COOK, OF LONDON,  
AND SUSSEX, 1433.

[To be buried in St. Bride's, Fleet St. Gifts to the High Altar and Works of St. Bride's; to little Watkin, testator's Godson and Servant; to a Brewer, a debt; and to his son, a gown; to the Fraternity of Cooks, 13s. 4d. Beasts in Sussex to be sold for Hurstpierpoint Church. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Com<sup>y</sup>. Court of London, lf. 380.)

Testamentum Walteri: Mangeard. [*Lower down, in margin.*]

**I**n the name of god, so mot hit bee: the xiiij day of the Monethe of Marche, the yere of oure lord god M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xxxiiij<sup>a</sup>, I, Walter Mangeard, Citesen and koke of Londoñ, make &

12 ordeyne my present testament of my last wyh in this maner: fyrst I beqwethe & recomende my soule to almyghtti god, & to oure ladi seynt Mary, & to alle the seyntes in heuene, And my body to be beried in the chirche yerde of seynt Bride in Fletestrete.<sup>1</sup> Item y bequethe to

16 the hie auter of the same chirche for my offeryngus & my dutys leuyng<sup>2</sup> bihynde vnpayed, xij d. Item y bequethe & 3eue alle the dettes thet Ioñ Hille, Armerer, owyth me, to the chirche werkes of seynt Brides Afore-seyde, and thet the seyð dettes be contented &

20 payed to the seyð chirche werkes be the seyð Ioñ, and thet anone

<sup>1</sup> Near *Bride Lane*, and the old *Bride-well*, dedicated to St. Bridget or St. Bride. See Stow's *Survey*, p. 437 a, and Hughson's *Walks thro' London*, 1817, i. 159. Church burnt in the Great Fire, 1666, and rebuilt by Sir C. Wren.

<sup>2</sup> remaining.

aftur my desese. Item I bequethe & ȝeue all the dette that William Lacy, Tayler, oweht me, to the seyde chirchewerkes, for to be contented & payed to the seyde werkes in the forme foreseyd. Item y bequethe to litiſ Watkyn, my Godson & my seruant, x markes 4 sterlynges.<sup>1</sup> Item y foryeve & relese Walter Floode, Brewer, all the dette that he oweht me. Item y bequethe to Iohn Floode his sone, oon of my govnes longyng to my body, suche as myn executours wyll deliuere. Item y be-quethe to the fraternyte of my craftes of 8 cokes, xiiij s. iiij d. Item y bequethe & yeue alle the meuable Cateſ of bestaſ that y haue in Sussex' in the paretche of Perpoynt-hurst,<sup>2</sup> to the chirche werkes ther, & that they haue my soule in mynde, & that the<sup>3</sup> seyde Bestaſ be solde be the vice<sup>4</sup> of the 12 paressshens ther, as for the most avice<sup>5</sup> of the seyde chirche werkes. The residue of alle my goodes & catelles, bothe quike & dede, mevable & vn-mevable, aftur my bequestes fulfilled, & my dettis payed, I yeue hem holli vnto Maude my wyf, scho for to doo with 16 hem hir' ovne fre wyll, with-ovten lettyng or disturbance of any persone. To this present testment y make & ordeyne my trewe executours, that is to wete, the foreseyde Maude my wyff, principaſ executrice, Thomas Harneys & Robert Andrewe coexecutours, & I 20 bequethe the seyde Thomas & Robert, yche of hem for here labour x s'. In wytnes where-of, to this present testament y haue put to my sele. wreton at London the dai & the yere afore seyde.

*Probatum fuit &c coram I. D. xij die Maij, & Anno supradicto, 24 & commissa administracio executoribus supradictis &c.*

<sup>1</sup> In margin, as to Executors, '*habent acquietanciam.*'

<sup>2</sup> Hurstpierpoint, N.W. of Lewes, near Twineham.

<sup>3</sup> MS. the the.

<sup>4</sup> voice.

<sup>5</sup> opinion, judgment, benefit.

MARGARETE ASSHCOMBE, (ONCE BLONCIT)  
WIDOW, OF LONDON, 1434.

[To be buried near the Dead-house of St. Paul's: 4 Priests and 4 Torches at the Burial. Gifts to Parson and Church of St. Mary Stayning. Gifts of a gold Ring with a 'Reason' or Motto, and another with a Crucifix; of a Gown and kirtle of Musterdevylers (grey woollen), &c. Residue for Testatrix's soul.]

(More, 3 Commissary Court of London, leaf 410 back.)

Testamentum: Margarete: Asshecombe: [*In  
margin, lower down.*]

**I**n the name of god, Amen: I. Margarete Asshecombe, in good mynde, and hole of speche beyng, make my testamente in this forme suyng: fyrste y comande my soule to god almyghty, and my  
4 body to be beryed anenest the charneh<sup>1</sup> of Poules, in Pouleschircheyerd, be-twyn toe trees nere by the berieH of my husbonde, sumtyme called Iohn Bloncit. Also y bequethe to the Person of the church of seynt Marie Stanyng<sup>2</sup> in London, iij s' iij d. Also y bequethe to  
8 the makyng' or amending' of the seyde church, iij s' iij d. Also y bequethe a shete to the seyde Chirche, to be peynted at the person's coste aforeseyde, forto hange to-fore ij auteres in the seyde Church. Also y wyll haue iij prestes to brynge me to my grave, takyng yche  
12 of hem iij d for there labour. Also y wyH haue iij torches brennyng, to brynge me to my grave, and ij tapres to stande at my hed while my body resteth in my hous of dwellyng' or in eny Church. Also y bequethe to the wyf of William Oweyn a ryng of golde with a ston,  
16 & a reson<sup>3</sup> 'sans departir.' Also y bequethe to the wyf of William

<sup>1</sup> Fr. '*Charnier*': m. A Churchyard, or cha[r]nell house; a place wherein dead bodies are layd, or their bones kept.'—1611. Cotgrave.

<sup>2</sup> 'In *Staining lane*, of old time so called, as may bee supposed, of Painter-stainers dwelling there.' . . . 'There is the small Parish Church of Saint Mary, called *Staining*, because it standeth at the North end of *Staining lane*, in Aldersgate Ward.'—Stow, *Survey*, 1633, p. 321. It was destroyd in the Great Fire of 1666, and not rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> reson = motto.

Hotoñ my cosyñ, a ryng of golde with a crucifix abovne. also y be-quethe to Clemens, the woman that kepes<sup>1</sup> me, a gowne of Musterdevylers,<sup>2</sup> & a kyrteñ of musterdevylers with grene sleues, & an hode of blak of lure,<sup>3</sup> & an a<sup>4</sup> hod of blewe. AH the remenant<sup>4</sup> of 4 my goodes, y wyñ that they be solde, & truli doñ for my sowle, & the seyde husbonde, and aH my fryndes, as myne executoures wyl answere at the laste rekenyng. and forthermore to folfulle this my testamente and wyñ, I ordeyne the sayde William Owen, & my 8 Cosyn William Hotoñ, myne executoures. wretoñ the ij day of Novembre th[e] yere of Kyng Harri the .vj<sup>th</sup> aftur the conqueste xiiij<sup>th</sup>. to the wheche executoires, y bequethe eyther, x s<sup>r</sup> for her labour. alsoo y bequ[e]the to Aneys Copursmyth a combe of yverie, 12 & to Aneys hir maydeñ, a russet kyrteñ furred with lambe.

Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis & c, xxij<sup>o</sup> die Mensis Nouembris, Anno domini Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> tricesimo quarto & c; commissa fuit admi[ni]stracio execu- 16 toribus interius nominatis.

<sup>1</sup> looks after, sees to, serves.

<sup>2</sup> The name is from Mustarde Vylers, Montivilliers in Normandy, where the stuff was made. ('In the mene whyle was the [city] of Roon, *Mustarde Vylers*, and Herflete, i-loste byfore Crystysmasse.'—Hen. VI. A<sup>o</sup> xxviiij. 1449-1450.) It was 'a kind of mixed grey woollen cloth, which continued in use up to Elizabeth's reign.'—Hall's *Gloss*. (? authority.)

<sup>3</sup> ? Not Fr. *lueur*, 'brightness, luster.' Stratmann cites *lure* (from T. Wright's *Specimens of Lyric Poetry*, temp. Edw. II, p. 52) as a variant of *hleor*, *leer*, *gena*, *facies*. But we want another meaning. Compare 'grene alyre,' p. 117, l. 14; and 'togam viridis coloris anglie grene lyre medley.'—Will of O. Warner, 1490; 'Blac of lyre.'—Will of J. Urban, 1421 (Register 'Marche'); 'togam de Blakalyr' medeley.'—Will of J. Peese, 1487 (Register 'Milles').

<sup>4</sup> so in MS.

## ROGER BORTON, OF HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX, 1434.

[To be buried in St. Austin's, Hackney. Gifts to the Church Altar and Bells, and to mend the Parish Highway. A Bullock and a brass Pot to each of his 2 Daughters. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Com<sup>v</sup>. Court of London, lf. 412.)

Testamentum : Rogeri : Borton : [*In margin, lower.*]

In the name of god; Amen : The xxv day of November,  
the yere of our lorde Millesimo CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xxxiiij, I, Roger  
Borton of Hakeney,<sup>1</sup> beyng in good mynde, ordeyne & make my  
4 testamente in this maner : fyrst y betake my sowle to oure lord  
Ihesu crist, & to his moder seynt Mari, & my body to be beried in  
the Chircheyerde of the *parech* chirche of seynt Austyn of Hakeney  
aboue seyde. Item y bequethe to the hye Auter of the same Churche  
8 xx d. Item y bequethe to the reparacioñ of the Belles of the same  
Churche, xx d. Item y bequethe to the Amendynge of the hye wey  
in the same *paresshe*, xx d. Item y bequethe Agnes my dowghtur,  
my Don Bullok, & I pot of bras of a galon. Item y bequethe Cristian  
12 my dowghtur, my red Bullok, & a pot of bras of I galon. And the  
Residue of my goodes & catelles, whatsoeuer they be, aftur my dettus  
ben payed, & this testamente fulfilled, I yeve & bequethe to Alyson  
my wyf; whiche Alison, of this testament y make my chef  
16 executrice, & Thomas Goodyng of Hakeney hir coexecutur. These  
byn wytnesse : Thomas Goodyng, Richard Chapman, Adam Stam-  
brygge, Iohn Burton, And other mo. wroton the day and the yere  
aboue seyde

20 Probatum fuit presens testamentum coram nobis Iohanne Chichele,  
in Decretis Bacallaureo Reuerendo &c c, vij die Mensis Decembriis,  
Anno domini supradicto &c c. commissaque fuit Administracio  
omnium bonorum &c executoribus interius nominatis.

<sup>1</sup> Now part of London, on the North-east, abuv Bethnal Green. In 1817, says David Hughson, "*Hackney* is a large village, two miles from London, and has several hamlets, as Upper and Lower Clapton, Daleston [Dalston], Shacklewell, and Homerton."—*Walks through London*, ii. 376.



## RAUF HETH, OF HACKNEY, MIDDLESEX, 1434.

[To be buried in St. Austin's, Hackney. Gifts to that Church, its Parish-Clerk, and Poor, and Highways. Wife to have House at Hackney for life, and then it is to go to Testator's two Daughters. If they die under age, House to be sold, and Money to go for Testator's Soul. Residue to Wife.]

(More, 3 Comv. Court of London, lf. 414.)

Testamentum: Radulphi: Heth: [*In margin, lower down.*]

In the name of god, Amen: The vj day of December in the yere of oure Lorde Ihesu crist M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xxxiiij<sup>o</sup>, And in the xiiij<sup>o</sup> yere of the regne of Kyng<sup>e</sup> Henry the sexte, I Rauf<sup>e</sup> Heth of the paressh of Hakeney in the Counte of Middlesex, beyng<sup>e</sup> of good 4 mynde, ordeyne & make my testament conteynnyng<sup>e</sup> my laste wyth, in this wyse: Fyrst, y bequethe and recomende my sowle vnto almyghty god my maker and sayvour, and to his blissed moder oure lady seint Marie, and to all his seyntus, And my body forto be 8 beryed in the churcheyer of the paressh chirche of sey[nt] Austyn of Hakeney aboveseyd. Item y be-quethe the hygh Auter of the same church, xx d; Item to the werk of the seyde church, xx d; & to the paressh Clerk of the same church, xij d. Item y bequethe to 12 be distribute among porefolk of the same paressh, for my sowle, xx d. Item I bequethe to the amendyng of hye wayes in the same paressh, iij s' iij d. Item y wil that, aftur my decese, Anys my wyf haue & reioyse duryng her lyf all my mesuage, with the curtylage and all the 16 appurtenance, set & lyeng in the paressh of Hakeney aboue seyde. And aftur the deces of the same Aneys my wyf, I wil that the foreseyd mesuage, with the curtylage, and all the appurtenances, remayne to Katerine & Iohane my dougheters, to haue and to holde 20 to hem & to here heyres & assignez for euermore; fforseen alwey, that yf the seyde Kateryne & Iohane my doughtres dye withinne laweful age, than y wol that the seyde mesuage, with the curtylage and all the appurtenauntz, be solde by myne executours, And the 24

money therof comyng be desposed and distribute for my soule in werkes of almes, aftur the good discrecyon of myn executours. And the resydewe of all my goodes & catalles, what-soeuer they bee, aftur  
 4 my dettus byn full payed, and this testamente fulfilled, y yeue & bequethe to the foreseyd Anys my wyf; wheche Aneys, of this testamente y make my chif executrice, and Iohn Borage hir coexecutour; and y bequethe to the same Iohn Borage for his labour  
 8 ij s'. In wytnesse of whiche thyng, to this my testamente y haue set my seeH. these been witnesses: Thomas Ruddok, Richard Austyn, Iohn Batte, & other'. wryton & yoven atte Hakeney the day & yere aboueseyd.

- 12 *Probatum fuit testamentum supradictum coram nobis, Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis Bacallario & c, xxj<sup>o</sup> die Mensis Decembris, anno domini M<sup>o</sup> CCCC xxxiiij<sup>o</sup> & c. commissa fuit administracio executoribus interius nominatis.*

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ROGER ELMESLEY, A WAXCHANDLER'S  
SERVANT, LONDON, 1434.

[To be buried outside the Porch-Door of St. Margaret Pattens, L. Tower St., with his name on his Tomb-stone. Gifts of money and a Torch to the Church. Gifts of Coals, Gown, Hood. To a Godchild, a Feather-bed, Blankets, Sheets, Pillows, Coverlets, Table-cloths, Towels, Napkins, Pewter Dishes and Sawcers, Cups, Silver Spoons, Basins, Candlesticks, eard Brass Pan, Banker, Cushions, Salt-cellar, Beads, Gilt Silver Crucifix, Ring with graspt Hands, Rack for roasting Eggs, Covercles, Table, Joint-stools, a Primer to serve God with, and a Coffre. To others, Peacock Flivers (? feathers), Chests, Staff, Towel-roller, Chair, and Sconces. Symkyn Brownyng to look after the Godchild.]

(More, 3 Com7. Court of London, lf. 431 bk.)

Testamentum : Rogeri : Elmesley : [*In margin, lower down.*]

- 16 **I**N the name of the Fader and the sone & the Holi goost, Amen!  
 At the fest of seynt Nicolas & the translacion of seynt Andrewe,  
 of bothe translacion, that is to sei, the ix dai of Maij, the yere of owre  
 lord a thousand iiiij hundred & xxxiiij / And the reyn of our lege  
 20 lord the kyng Harre the sexte of his conquest, the xj yer, I, Roger

Elmesley, *seruant sumtyme with Iohn Bokeler*, wexchaundeler of London, I the foreseyd Roger, in good hele of bodi & soule, & in good mynde, as y will answere a-fore god, make my testament in this wise / first y bequethe my soule to god almygti of heuene, & to his 4 blessed moder seynt Mari, & to seynt Katerine, & to seynt Margrete, and to all the holi compani of heuene, and my body to be beried vnder the ston with-oute the Dore of the porche,<sup>1</sup> & my name wretou ther-on when y am ded. Also y bequethe to the werkes of the same 8 churche of seynt Marget Patyns, iij s' iij d, to haue my beryyng ther, & the ston fre / Also i bequethe to the hi auter, of offerynges foryeten, xx d; Also to the klerk of the forseyd churche, xij d // Alsoo the foreseyd churche, a torch of my terment, for to brenne euery 12 Sondai at the leuacioñ at the hie masse // Also I bequethe to Iohn Wodrof & Alison his wyf, v quarteres of coles; & to Iohn Woderof my beste goun & my beste hod, & the forre in the same goun, if so be that he leue that time; & elles, seth hit, & do hit for the lone of 16 god, & yeue to pore housholders in coles. More-ouer y bequethe to Robert Sharp goddis-child, a litef fetherbed & ij peire smale shetes, & a peyre of large shetes goode, & a peire<sup>2</sup> of blankettes, & ij goode pelewes, on large, & another lasse and feire ybored, & a whit couerlit 20 & a red couerlit, & a good bordcloth with crosse werk, & another bordcloth with mylyngis<sup>3</sup> at the touñ ende, in lenkethe ij yerdes; & on halfe large, & I towel of parys werk, viij yerdes of lenkethe; also too the beste sanapes,<sup>4</sup> also a plate of peautre & ij disshes of peautre, & ij 24 sauseres of peautre & ymarked with .R. and .S.; moreouer a litil maser coppe, & I white coppe, & a spon of siluer with-out mark, & a litef basyn knopped, & iij candelstikes of latyn, & a litiñ panne of brasse y-ered,<sup>5</sup> and a chaufur of bras, & a lytil posnet of bras, & a 28

<sup>1</sup> Of *St. Margaret Pattens*, in Little Tower Street (p. 137), in Billingsgate Ward. (p. 228) one other Lane, called *S. Margaret Pattens*, because of old time Pattens were usually made and sold: but of later time this is called *Rood lane*, of a Rood there placed, in the Churchyard of *S. Margaret*, whilst the old Church was taken downe, and againe new builded; during which time, the oblations made to this Rood, were employed towards building of the Church.—*Stow's Survey*, ed. 1633 A.D.

<sup>2</sup> MS. a peire a peire.

<sup>3</sup> millings, like those on the edge of a coin.

<sup>4</sup> Sanape, *manutergium*, hand-napkin. Nominale, in Hall's *Gloss*.

<sup>5</sup> With ears or handles.

bankar of blewe & blak, & iij quisschonus of the same colour vn-stopped; also a feir salt saler of peautre with a feyre knoppe; also a peyre of bedes of siluer with a crucifix of siluer and y-gilt; 4 also a payre bedes of blak gaudys of siluer & gilt, & a ryng ther-on with clippyng of ij handes, siluir & gilt; also a rake of yreñ forto rost on his eyren, also a litiH couerkeH<sup>1</sup> for his coppe ygilt; also a whit couerkeH with roses & flourdelyces / also a litil tabel peynted 8 trestelwise; also a litil Ioyned stoH for a child, & a nother Ioyned stoH, large for to sitte on, whanne he cometh to mannes state; also a prymmer for to serve god with; also a litel cofur to putte in his smale thynges. Also i bequethe the same Robard, to Symkyng 12 Brownyng, Klerk, to goddis woshup & soule hele / And also if the foresyd Robard die with-ynne age, that the foresyd [cf. 432] goodes that he shulde haue, [ben] I-sold & I-yeueñ to pore pepeH in coles, as secoutors wil answer afore god // Moreouer y bequethe William 16 Osberne the fliueres of pecok // more-ouere y bequethe Maut Cokkeman my wywes forcet, & a staf with an handeH // More-ouer y bequethe my roller for a toweH to Margery Bokeler; Also to Alison Oxyn my chayre, and to Robard Sharpe my peynted chest / Moreouer, 20 sir Iohn Russhebrok a skonce<sup>2</sup> / an other skonce to Symond Brownyng. Here-oppon y make my seketoures, sir Iohn Russhebrok, chauntre prist of seynt Marget Patens, and Symond Brounyng, Clerk of the same churche / I bequethe Iche of hem, for here 24 trauayle, x s'. To this wittenesse that this testament ys my ful wil, Iwreten the dai a-fore seyð that these neyboures wil bere wittenesse theropon, that is to sey / Iohn Hardyng, Grocer; William Ferroure, Brewer, and Thomas Colman, Talvchaundeler; Thomas Oxyn, 28 hosier // And y pray yowe loki thys marke and thys SeeH, acorde as y Roger wyl answer afore god



Probatum fuit testamentum supradictum coram Nobis, Iohanne Chichele, in Decretis Bacallario &c, xvij die Mensis Maij, Anno

<sup>1</sup> Fr. 'Couvercle: m. A Couer, or Lid.'—Cotgrave. A.D. 1611.

<sup>2</sup> A light to hang against the wall.

*domini Millesimo CCCC tricesimo quinto & c / commissaque fuit administracio omnium bonorum & [c] executoribus superius nominatis & c.*

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### ISABELLE DOVE, 1434-5.

[Goods to bury her, and pay her debts and bequests. Residue to be kept till her husband comes home from beyond the sea.]

(More, 3 Com<sup>7</sup>. Court of London, lf. 379 bk.)

Isabel<sup>e</sup> Dove. [*In margin.*]

Thys is the will o Isabe<sup>e</sup> Dove, lat the wyf of Thomas Dove, 4 Citezein of London, made the xiiij day of Marche, the yere of oure lorde M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> [x]xxiiij, that Geretrude de Lunhx, the wyf of William de Lunhx, Citezein & vnter of London, schuld<sup>e</sup> haue the godes of the seyde Isabe<sup>e</sup> In kepyng, for to brynge her on erthe, to 8 pay her dettis, her bequestis; and the remenant for to kepe to the vse of the husbondes<sup>1</sup> of the seyde Isabe<sup>e</sup>, vn-to his comyng<sup>e</sup> home fro beyonde the See, the seyde godes in the Inuentare here remaynyng.

Probatum fuit hec voluntas coram I d., iiij<sup>o</sup> die Maij, Anno 12 domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxxiiij<sup>o</sup> & c; & commissa Administracio Geretrude de Lunhx secundum tenorem eiusdem.

[*In margin is*] habet acquietanciam.

<sup>1</sup> a genitive?

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RICHARD BOKELAND, ESQ., OF ALL-HALLOWS  
THE GREATER, THAMES ST., LONDON, 1436.

[To be buried in Pardon Churchyard, St. Paul's. Two Oxford or Cambridge Priests to be paid to pray for Testator's Soul for 20 years. St. Gregory's Trental to be sung. Marble Tombstone to have Crest on, with 'Mercy and Grace.' Year's Mind to be kept for 20 years at St. Mary Ottery, Devonshire; and for 5 years by the 4 Orders of Friars in London. Gifts to Poor, and to All-hallows and St. Nicholas Cold-Abbey churches. A million Masses to be said for Testator's Soul. Gifts to London and Westminster Prisoners, to the Spital sick folk, and the Lazar-houses. Gifts to the Prioress of Cheshunt and the Canons of Waltham Abbey. £100 to Daughter, and £20 to each of her children. Legacies to Brother and other folk. Cheshunt Convent to have back its pledges free. Residue to Executors, two of whom get furd Gowns.]

(Luffenam, lf. 162.)

Testamentum Ricardi Bokeland. [In margin.]

In the Name of god', Amen. The .v. day of August yn the yere of yowre Lord M<sup>i</sup> cccc xxxvj, And the xiiij yere of the Reigne of kyng<sup>i</sup> Henry sixt, I, Richard Bokeland, Squyer, beyng<sup>i</sup> yn  
4 Resonable helth<sup>i</sup> of body, & hoole of mynde, make my testament in manere as foloweth. Furst I betake my soule vnto god, my verray lord & Saveour, & to his blessid moder<sup>e</sup> oure lady Saint Mary, and to aH his saintes of heven; And my wrecchid<sup>e</sup> body to be beryed<sup>e</sup> at  
8 Pardon chirche-yer<sup>e</sup> at saint Poules<sup>1</sup> yn London. AH so y gif vnto

<sup>1</sup> *Pardon Churchyard* was on the N. side of St. Paul's. Paul's Cross was in it. Stow says of St. Paul's (*Survey*, 1633, p. 354):

'Great Cloystry      'There was also one great Cloyster, on the North side of this of *Pauls* Church, invironing a plot of ground, of old time called *Pardon Church-yard*; whereof *Thomas More*, Deane of *Pauls*, was eyther the first Builder, or a most especiaall Benefactor, and was buried there.

'About this Cloyster, was artificially and richly painted the Dance of 'Dance of *Machabre*, or Dance of Death, commonly called the *Dance of Pauls Pauls*. . . In this Cloyster were buried many Persons, some of Worship, and others of Honour: The Monuments of whom, in number and workmanship, passed all other that were in that Church. . . .

þe warkes of Poules x ii. Añ-so y wuñ that ther' be founden at þe vniuersitees of Oxonford or Cambrigge, after þe discrecion of my wyf & executours, two gode honnest and vertuous preestes of conuersacioun, the terme of xx yere, prayenge for the soules of me, my fadyr, 4 moder, broder, and for añ thoo that I am bounden to pray for, eche of the saide preestes takynge yerly C s', hauynge in Charge to seye euery friday a messe of þe trentañ, with Placebo and dirige, & the ix lessons. Item I bequethe xx marces vnto diuers preestes for to singe 8 masses of the grete Gregorie trenta.¹ Añ-so I woñ þat there be leyde vpon my body a stone of Marble, with the crest of my Armes þerupon, and añ-so with thise wordes, 'Mercy and grace.' Añ-so y gif vnto the collage of saint Mary Ottroye² in Devenshire, xx 12 ii, to be demened, xx s' þerof yerely in this wise: that euery yere durynge the terme of xx yere, my mynd, with Placebo & Dirige & masse of Requiem to be doon oones, yevynge to euery chanon beinge ther-at present viij <sup>d</sup>, to euery preest vj <sup>d</sup>, to euery secondary 16 & clerc of the church iiij <sup>d</sup>, and to euery quarester ij <sup>d</sup>; And yf þer leve any þynge of the said xx s', to be delt to euery pouere man of that parissñ ij <sup>d</sup>, and añ thoo pouere men to be at the Dirige & messe. Item y gif vnto the chirche of Alhalowen the more³ 20

<sup>1</sup> Chappell in Pardon Church-yard 'In the midst of this *Pardon Church-yard*, was also a faire Chappell, first founded by *Gilbert Becket*, Portgrave, and principall Magistrate of this City, in the reigne of King *Stephen*, who was there buried. *Thomas More* [? he whose Tomb is named abuv, p. 71, l. 7], Deane of *Paule*, before named, re-edified or new builded this Chappell, and founded three Chaplaines there, in the reigne of *Henry* the fifth.'

This Pardon Church-yard of *St. Paul's* must not be confounded with that at the Charter-House, of which Stow says:

'This house [the *Charter-house*] he [Sir *Walter Manny*] founded upon this occasion: A great Pestilence [the Black Death] entring this Iland, began first in *Dorsetshire*, then proceeded into *Devonshire*, *Somersetshire*, *Gloestershire*, and *Oxfordshire*, and at length came to *London*, and overspread all *England*, so wasting the people, that scarce the tenth person of all sorts was left alive, and Churchyards were not sufficient to receive the dead, but men were forced to chuse out certeine fields for burials: whereupon *Ralph Stratford*, Bishop of *London*, in the year 1348, bought a piece of ground, called *No mans land*, which he inclosed with a wall of Bricke, and dedicated for buriall of the dead, builded thereupon a proper Chapell, which is now enlarged, and made a dwelling-house: and this burying plot is become a faire Garden, retaining the old name of *Pardon Church-yard*.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 477 b.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 31 abuv, note 1.    <sup>2</sup> St. Mary Ottery.    <sup>3</sup> In Upper Thames St.

yn London), where y am parissheñ, x ti; And to the Personne of the same churche, for myn oblacions forgeteñ, x ti. Item I gif vnto the warkes of saint Nicholas Coldabbey in London,<sup>1</sup> x marc. Item  
 4 I beqweth moneye for M<sup>i</sup>M<sup>i</sup> masses<sup>2</sup> to be saide after my decesse, þat is to sey, to euery preest saynge for me þe dirige & a messe of Requiem, iiij<sup>3</sup>. Item I wol that the house of Freres prechours in London haue euery yere duryng the terme of .v yere, xx s' to sey  
 8 be note the dirige & messe of Requiem and<sup>3</sup> my mynd day. And yn the same wise the saide som yerly vnto the white Freres, greye freres, & Austins,<sup>4</sup> performyng the Dirige & messe a-foresaid. Item I gif to euery Prisoner beyng in Ludegate & Newegate iiij<sup>4</sup>; Item to the  
 12 Abbotts prison of Westmynstre xx s'; Item to the Prisoners of the Flete, xx s'; Item to the Prisoners of the Marchalse, xx s'; Item to the Prisoners of the Kynggis bench xx s'; Item to the seke peple beyng yn the spiteñ houses of saint Thomas, saint Mary, &  
 16 saint Bartilmeux of London, iij ti. Item to the howses of lazare next aboute<sup>5</sup> London, iij ti. Item I wol þat Dame Cicile Gifford, Prioress of Chesthunt,<sup>6</sup> haue xl s'; and that euery nonne of the same house haue vj s' viij<sup>4</sup>, sayenge for me a dirige and a messe of  
 20 Requiem by note. Item I wol þat sir Iohn Gifford, Chanon of þe Abbey of Waltham,<sup>7</sup> haue xl s', & that euery Chanon of the same house haue xx ð, sayenge for me a dirige and a messe of Requiem by note. Item I wol þat my doughter Anneys Whityngham haue C ti  
 24 and a stondyngs cuppe gilt, shapp of a columbyn.<sup>8</sup>/ And also

<sup>1</sup> 'Situate on the S. side of *Old fish str.* in the Ward of *Queenhithe*, within the Walls of London. . . . Mr. Stow says the word *Coleabbey* (which was added to distinguish this from other Churches of St. Nicholas) is corruptly so called, being more properly *Cold bay* (as a place exposed to the Weather), as *Cold Harbour*, &c.—1708. E. Hatton, *New View of London*, ii. 440. 'It hath been called of many *Colden Abbey*, of some *Cold Abbey*, or *Cold Bey*, and so have the most ancient writings, as standing in a cold place, as *Cold Harbor*, and such like.'—Stow, p. 398.

<sup>2</sup> Can this mean 2000, and not 1,000,000?

<sup>3</sup> ? 'and' for 'on

<sup>4</sup> See note 1, p. 16 abuv.

<sup>5</sup> leaf 162 back.

<sup>6</sup> Cheshunt 'occupies the S.E. angle of Herts,' and is 13 miles N. of London. Good fishing in the Reservoir there, says my boy.

<sup>7</sup> In Essex, 12 miles N. by E. of London. The 2nd Abbey was founded by Harold before 1060.

<sup>8</sup> The beautiful bell-like flower of *Aquilegia vulgaris*. Lin.



pat euery child of hires lyvyng at the day of my decesse, haue xx ti. to there mariage. Item I wol pat my brother Cristofre Bokelond haue xx ti, And his sone Thomas x ti. And to his other sone & a doughter, yf they lyve, eche of hem .v marces. Item that Iohn 4 Yngram haue x marces; Item to William Cicil x marces; Item to Iohn Wanton x marc; Item to Iohn Coggeshale x ti. Item I gif to maister Thomas Asshweh xx s'. Item to Frere Wynchelsee xx s', Item to Frere Russeh of the Austins, xx s'. Item I wol to euery 8 couple of man & wyf dwellyng at Ohecote, haue ij s', and to euery single man & child withyn the same parisshe of Ohecote xij <sup>d</sup>. And to the Personne of the same parish holdyng myn obbite duryng ij yere, Euery yere vj s', viij <sup>d</sup>. Item I gif to Thomas Yonge x ti, 12 Item to Richard Clareh x ti, Item to Iohn Forest x marces, Item to Iacobo my seruauent x marces, Item to Thomas Crouche v ti, Item to Iohn Cooke v marces, Item to William Pascah xx s', Item to Iohn of the Stable xij s, iij <sup>d</sup>, Item to William of the Kechyn vj s', viij <sup>d</sup>, 16 Item to Margaret of Ware xl s', Item to sir Robert Carlton v marces, Item to Master Iohn Trotter v marces, Item to sir Richard my preest v marces. Item I wolle that the prioress & the house of Chesthunt haue freely there Weddys ayen withouten any mony payenge. And 20 to the performyng of this my last will and entent, I make myne executours,<sup>1</sup> Iohan my wyf, sir Iohn Tireh knyght, Maister Richard Cawdray, clerc, Richard Quatermaines, Iohn Melbourne, Thomas Rotheweh, Iohn Kempley, Thomas Pounce & Iohn Coggeshale. And 24 I wolle that eche of my said Executours haue x ti, so that they be helpyng & assistyng vn-to my wyff for the execucion of this my last wille / And the Remenaunt of all my godis, meuable and vnmeuable, I gif to the said sir Iohn Tireh, maister Richard Caudray, Richard 28 Quatermaines, Iohn Melbourne, Thomas Rotheweh, Thomas Pound & Iohn Coggeshale. And y pray & Require all you myn executours afsaid, which I haue chosen, for true and parfayte Love, that ye fulfih all my will & entent aboue writen, truly & kyndely, for the 32 loue of god, and as my trust is yn yow / Ah-so y wol that Thomas Rotheweh haue myn Prymour & myn purple gowne furred with martrons.<sup>2</sup> Ah-so I wol that Iohn Melbourne haue my scarlet gowne

<sup>1</sup> 'Nomina executorum' in margin.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 36 abuv, note 6.

furred with martrouns. Aȝ-so y wol that my lord Cromweȝt haue a pere of botell of siluer & gilt / In witnesse of aȝ wich þingis, I haue put herto my seal the day and yere aforesaid, beyng present in 4 farther wittenes, maister william Lychfeld, persone of Alhalowen the more, sir Iohn Ioye, preest of the same chirch, Iohn Yngram, Thomas Yonge, and other.

¶ Probatum fuit suprascriptum testamentum coram Magistro 8 Iohanne Lyndefeld, Commissario &c, xv<sup>to</sup> die mensis Octobris, Anno domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxxvj<sup>to</sup>. Et commissa fuit administracio Iohanne, relicte dicti defuncti, & discretis viris Thome Rothewell, Thome Pound, & Iohanni Coggeshale, executoribus &c, Reseruata 12 potestate &c. acquietati sunt.

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### RICHARD DIXTON, ESQ., OF SISCETRE,<sup>1</sup> GLOSTERSHIRE, 1438.

[To be buried at Cirencester. Bequests of Vestments to Trinity Chapel there, and its Priests; also to the Convent at Usk, the Friars of Gloster and Hereford, the Abbots of Tewkesbury, Evesham, Malmesbury, &c. Gifts of best Horse, Armour, covered silver Cups, Gold Chain and Bracelet, Money, blue Cloth, furd Gowns, silver Arse-girdle, household Stuff, Horses, Clothing and Bedding, &c.]

(Luffenham, lf. 191 back.)

Dyxtōn. [*In margin.*]

**I**n the name of oure Lord Ihesu, Amen! The Viij day of August, the yere of the regne of our' soueraigne lord kyng' Harry the sixte after the conquest, the xvj<sup>e</sup>. [1438.] I Richard Dixon, squyer, 16 hauyng' gode and resonable witte & discrecion, make, ordeyne, and dispose my last testament in this maner: Furst, I bequeth my sowle vnto god almyghty, vnto the Blessyd Virgine his moder sainte Marie,

<sup>1</sup> Cirencester: it used always to be pronounst 'Ciseter' till the name was printed in Railway Time-tables, and the Ry. Porters had to speak the name as it was spelt, to enable strangers to identify the place. It's 88 miles W. by N. from London.

& to all the compaigne of heuene, & my body to be buryed withyn the new ChapeH of the Trinite at Siscetre. Item I bequeth to the saide chapeH of Siscetre a cloth of Siluer, and a blak cloth of Damask<sup>1</sup> sengilt, & a gowne of Goldsmythes werk<sup>1</sup>, for to make vestimentes & 4 a C gertiers. Item I bequeth vnto iij prestes for to synge and pray for me duryng<sup>1</sup> the space of a yere yn the saide chirch of Siscetre, xx ti. Item I be-quethe vnto the Prioress & Couent of the House of Vsk,<sup>2</sup> for to pray for me, x markes. Item I be-queth vn'to prestes and 8 clerkes for to doo my seruice & exquies, & for almes for poure men, xx ti. Item I bequeth vnto the frere prechours of Gloucestre, for to fynde iij prestes of the same house duryng<sup>1</sup> a yere for to synge for my moder & for me, xx ti. Item I bequeth to the Grey Freres of 12 Hereford for to doo semblably for my moder and for me, xx ti. Item I bequeth vnto Maistre Thomas Radnore, x markes. Item I bequeth to the Abbot of Teukysbury<sup>3</sup> an couered cuppe gilt. Item to the Priour and Couent of the same house, xx ti. Item to the Abbot of 16 Siscetre a couered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Priour and Couuent of the same hous, xx ti. Item to the Abbot of Euesham<sup>4</sup> a couered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Couent of the same hous, xx ti. Item to the Priour of Brade-stoke<sup>5</sup> a couered cuppe of 20 siluer gilt. Item to the Couuent of the same hous, xx ti. Item to the Abbot of Malmesbury<sup>6</sup> a couered cuppe of siluer gilt. Item to the Couent of the same hous, xx ti. Item I bequeth for my mynde day, xx ti. Item I bequeth to my Lord of York<sup>1</sup> iij of my best hors, to 24 be chosen either at Vsk<sup>1</sup> or at Wotton,<sup>7</sup> & all my armeura. Item I

<sup>1</sup> leaf 192.

<sup>2</sup> Usk, in the co. of Monmouth, 13 miles S.W. from Monmouth, and 144 (W. by N.) from London.—Lewis.

<sup>3</sup> Tewkesbury, in Glo'stershire, 10 miles N.N.E. from Gloster, and 103 W.N.W. from London.

<sup>4</sup> Evesham, in Worcestershire, 13 miles N.E. from Tewkesbury, and 96 N.W. by N. from London. Evves, a swineherd in the service of Egwin, third bishop of Huicca, is said to have seen the Virgin Mary on the spot where the Abbey was built 702—709.—Lewis.

<sup>5</sup> This priory stood in the Deanery of Malmesbury, co. Wilts. See Bacon's *Liber. Regis*.

<sup>6</sup> Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, 42 miles N. from Salisbury, and 94 W. from London.

<sup>7</sup> Wotton under Edge (or under Ridge : is situated beneath a range of well-wooded hills) is in Glostershire, 19 miles S.S.W. from Gloster, and 108 W. by N. from London.—Lewis.

- bequeth to Iane Barre a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Elizabeth Mortymer<sup>1</sup> a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to dame Anneys Leuch a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Elizabeth Bowers a cuppe  
 4 of siluer couuered. Item to Agas Flegge a cuppe of siluer couuered. Item to Robert Greyndoor, squyer, my Serpe<sup>1</sup> of siluer and my cheyne of goold. Item to Iane Greyndoor<sup>2</sup> his wyf, a couered cuppe of siluer, the wich I was wont to drynk of, and a Bracelet of Gold.  
 8 Item to the new chapeH at Siscetre xx ti. Item I bequeth vnto the Abbot of Lanternam & his monkes, x markes. Item to the Priour of Golcleve<sup>3</sup> & his monkes, xx markes. Item to euerych of my lordes iij chapeleyns xx s'. Item to sir Iohn TrebeH my confessour,  
 12 xx markes, to synge for me ij yere in an honest place, where so euer he wooH, and iij yerdes of blew cloth. Item to the yomen of my lordys chambre, xx ti. Item to the officers of my said lord<sup>4</sup> hatt, pantrie, Seler, Boterie & Kechyn, xx ti. Item to maistre Robert  
 16 Beaumont a cuppe couuered, chased with Rosys, beyng at the FASTERNE.<sup>5</sup> Item to my saide lord<sup>6</sup> seruantes of his stable, x mark'. Item to A Ientih woman called Ionet Hawys, xx ti. Item to William ReueH a gowne of Blake, furred with fischeux<sup>4</sup> beyng at the  
 20 FASTERNE, & xl s'. Item to Iohn Mody a gowne of grene Damaske lyned, & a nother gowne of Russet furred with blak, & xl s'. Item to ij prestes for to synge & pray for me yn the chirch of Wotton duryng a yere, xx markes. Item to the werk of the saide chirch of  
 24 Wotton, x mark'. Item to the chirch of Lydyerd<sup>5</sup> x mark'. Item to Edmond of Cornewayle an ersgerdyH<sup>6</sup> of siluer. Item to Iohn Russet, squyer, a gowne of Rede Damaske furred with martrens, &

<sup>1</sup> ? Fr. '*Serpe, Serpentine*, Serpent, couleuvre; d'où *serpenteille* petit serpent.'—Roquesfort. Hippeau also gives '*Serpe, serpent*.'

<sup>2</sup> ? Goldcliff, a parish in Monmouthshire, 4½ miles S.E. from Newport. A prior and 12 black monks were placed here from the abbey of Bec in Normandy, to which the Church was given, at Henry I's desire, by Robert de Chandos, who founded and endowed it in 1113. 'In 1442, after the suppression of Alien priories, it was made a cell to the abbey of Tewkesbury, and at the Dissolution possessed a revenue of £144 8s. 1d.'—Lewis. Lanternam, co. Monmouth.

<sup>3</sup> ? One of Testator's houses, or my Lord of York's.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 34 abuv, note 3.

<sup>5</sup> ? Lidiard Millicent, or Lidiard Tregose, near Swindon, Wilts.

<sup>6</sup> Compare Fr. '*Ceinture à crouppière*. A belt, arming girdle, or sword girdle of the old fashion.'—1611. Cotgrave.

a cuppe of siluer couered. Item to Thomas Barnaby a cuppe of siluer couered. Item to my seruant Iohn Buelt, vj markes, & I gowne of Russet medley furred with blak. Item to my wyf, aH my stuff beyng<sup>1</sup> at the Fasterne, except a sangwen<sup>2</sup> gowne furred with 4 martres, and the thyngys aboven<sup>3</sup> rehersed. Item my full wyH & entent is, that the saide Iohn RusseH haue & reioyce<sup>1</sup> for euer more aH the lyuelode that meueth of his moder after her deces. Item aH myn owne lyuelode to remeyne to my next heires. Item I 8 wolH that Edward BlundeH, squyer, of Worcestreshire, haue .L. mark, & vj cuppes of syluer, euery cuppe weynge a mark & a half of Troye, for to dispose the same gode for his sone Richard<sup>2</sup> BlundeH, of whos sowle god haue mercy. Item to Thomas Cleuche<sup>2</sup> xl s'. Item 12 to Richard of the Warderobe, xl s'. Item to Iohn of Pantrye vj mark'. Item to William WasteH xl s'. Item to William Estynton vj mark'. Item to Watkyn Hardyng<sup>1</sup> vj mark. Item to Hewe Dawesy vj mark'. Item to Harry Meyre vj mark'. Item 16 to Ibex, C s'. Item to Iohn Hewys xl s'. Item to Iohn Danyell xl s'. & a litill bay hors. Item to Edward xl s'. Item to Iohn of Nokys xl s'. Item to Water Parker xl s. Item to LiteH Pers xl s'. Item to Elizabeth Belliers a scarlet gowne furred with foynes.<sup>3</sup> Item 20 to Richard of the warderobe, the fourthe best hors that I have. Item to the saide Watkyn Hardyng<sup>1</sup> a gowne of scarlet with slyt slyues y-furred, and my cuttyd<sup>4</sup> hors. Item to the saide William Estynton a scarlet gowne & a hors. Item, aH my clothynge & werynge 24 harneys and beddynge at Vsk, I wolH that the saide Watkyn and William departe by-twene hem & here felawes, as they seme that goode ys, & that they delyuery to Hew Dausey an hoby & a gowne of grene damaske, and to euery of myn other men an hors, whiles ther 28 ben eny. Item y wolH that my howke<sup>5</sup> of siluer<sup>6</sup> be sold<sup>2</sup>, and do for my sowle. Item to Iohn Clerk, & Iohn Cook, seruient to the saide Robert Greyndoor<sup>1</sup>, xiiij s' iiij<sup>4</sup>. And that this my last wyH & testament be fullfilled & acomplishid of aH my goodys & catelles 32

<sup>1</sup> enjoy.<sup>2</sup> ? Clenche.

<sup>3</sup> 'Fouinne: f. The Foyne, wood-Martin, or Beech-Martin.'—Cotgrave.  
 'Martie: f. The beast called a Martin. *Martes sabellines* . . . Sables.'—*ib.*  
 See p. 36 abuv, note 6.

<sup>4</sup> gelded.<sup>5</sup> ? hooke, huke, *hamus*. Pr. and Cath.<sup>6</sup> leaf 192, back.

not bequethyn ne speciefed, I make & ordeyne Gyles of Brugge,<sup>1</sup> squyer, *sir* Water Bagge, *person* of Brynkeworth,<sup>2</sup> Richard Warneford and William Prelett of Siscetre, my trew and lawfull executours; and  
 4 to euery of hem for her labour x mark, to ordeyne and dispose for my sowle yn the best wyse that hem semeth to be doon / as they wold answere be-fore god. In witesse of wiche thyng, to this my present testament I haue put to me seale.

8 *Probatum fuit istud testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, xxj<sup>o</sup> die mensis Octobris, Anno domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxxvij<sup>o</sup>. Et commissa fuit administracio Willelmo Prelet, executori, &c; Reseruata &c; ac vicesimo Nouembris tunc proximo sequenti*  
 12 *acquietatus [fuit].*

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### NICHOLAS CHARLETON, OF LONDON, SKINNER, 1439.

[To be buried before St. Paul's Cross. Gifts to St. Paul's and St. Augustine's churches, and to 3 Orders of Friars, for 3 Trentals of Masses. 1000 hapeny Loaves for poor men. Money to Brotherhoods of Corpus Christi and Mary in the Skinners' craft. Wax for lights in St. Austin's Lady-chapel. 20s. each to Apprentices and Servant. Gowns of Skinners' craft to friends. 3s. 4d. each to Brotherhoods of St. Nicholas of Parish-clerks, and St. John of the Tailors. Residue: two-thirds to Wife; one-third for Testator's Soul.]

(Luffenam, lf. 202 back.)

Carleton.

In the name of god, Amen! the xvij day of the monthe of  
 May, In the yere of oure lord Ihesu a M<sup>i</sup> cccc xxxix, and yn the  
 xvij yere of the Regne of kyng Henre the sext, I, Nicholas  
 16 Charleton, Citezein & Skynner of London, yn hole & good mynde  
 beyng, thonked be all myghty god, ordeyne And make my testament

<sup>1</sup> Giles Brugge, alias Bruges (*i. e.* Brydges), of Coberley, now Cubberley, Gloucestershire, 4 miles from Cheltenham, afterwards knighted.—H. Round.

<sup>2</sup> Brinkworth, a parish in the hundred of Malmesbury, county of Wilts, 4½ miles (W.N.W.) from Wootton-Basset.—Lewis.

of my last wyll in this forme that foloweth. First I be-queth my soule to all-mychtty god, my maker, our lady seynt Mary, and to all seintes of heven, and my body to be buryed in Powles grete chirchewhe of london be-fore the crosse.<sup>1</sup> And I bequeth to the new<sup>4</sup> werk of the same chirch, xx<sup>d</sup>. And to the high auter of seynt Austyns chirch<sup>2</sup> ther' y am parsshenn, for my tithes and offryng' negligently for-yeten, vj s' viij<sup>d</sup>. And I will and ordeny, that yn all hast possible after my decesse, that I haue iij Trentales of masses<sup>3</sup> songen<sup>3</sup> for my sowle in thre howses of Freres of London, that is to sey, the prechours, white freres, and grey freres<sup>4</sup> / and I be-queth perfore to eche hous of thre, xl d. And I be-queth a M<sup>i</sup> of halpeny lovys to be yove to pore men be my executours withynne xij monthes<sup>12</sup> after my decesse, þat is to sey, to euery pore man that cometh, a loof / All-so I be-queth to the brederhede of my craft of Corpus Christi, to the comune Box þer-of, vj s, viij<sup>d</sup>, And to þe Comune box of the brederhede of oure lady yn my craft, vj s'. viij d. All-so I<sup>16</sup> be-queth to euery prisoner yn the prison of Ludgate, And ech of the ij Countours of London,<sup>5</sup> a loof of a pounce,<sup>6</sup> to be delyd when corn is of resonable price withyn a yere after my decesse. All-so I devyse

<sup>1</sup> It stood on the North side.

<sup>2</sup> On the N. side of *Wallin str.*, and the E. side of *Old Change*, in the Ward of *Farrendon* within, i. e. within the Walls of London, near *St. Paul's Cathedral*. II. The Denomination was given to this Church, in Memory of *St. Austin* (not the Father who was Bishop of *Hippo in Africa*, but as is most probable) the *Monk*, who was called by some *the English Apostle*; being by *Gregory*, Bishop of *Rome*, about the year 596, sent with *Miletus* and 40 more to *England* to convert the *Pagan Saxons* to Christianity.—1708. Hatton, *New View of London*, i. 136, a. Church burnt in the Great Fire, 1666, rebuilt by Wren. <sup>3</sup> MS. singen. <sup>4</sup> See abuv, p. 16, note 1.

<sup>5</sup> *Counters*, are 2 Prisons for the use of the City, viz. the Mayor and Sheriffs Courts [namely, 1.] *Poultry Counter*. A Prison situate in the *Poultry, London*, where not only Debtors upon Actions in the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs Courts, but such as disturb the Peace of the City in the Night, are committed. It hath been a Prison for some hundreds of Years past, and might possibly be called *Counter*, because those there detained were obliged to account for the Cause of their Commitment before they were set at liberty. [2. *Bread St.*, later] *Wood-street Counter*. A Prison . . . for Debtors and Night-ramblers that disturb the Peace. This Prison was in *Bread-str.* till removed hither in the Year 1555, by virtue of an Act of Common-Council held the 19th of *September*, 3 and 4 of *Phil. and Mary*.—Hatton (A.D. 1708), *New View of London*, ii. 744, 759, 783.

<sup>6</sup> MS. 'bb' with a line thru, like H.

& ordeyne a C lb wex to mynysters and to serue to the vse of the Salue<sup>1</sup> of oure lady chapel yn the said chirch of seynt Austyns, that is to sey, ij Tapers to stonde on the Auter of our lady, eche  
 4 of the ij taperys of a pownde weyght / per to be lighte and brenne at Salue<sup>1</sup> tyme as longe as the saide C lb weyght of wex with dure / And I wyll that Thomas Gloucestre my brother, that is myn executour, and the wardeyns of Seynt Austyns chirch a-fore-saide sussesiffly  
 8 beyng, haue the gouernance of the saide wex and light in maner a-boue writen / AH-so I be-queth to eche of myn apprentice dwellyng & stondyng with me yn maner of a-prentys at tyme of my dyng xx s'. AH-so I be-queth to Thomas Bayle, my seruant xx s' / AH-so  
 12 I be-queth to Thomas Dymmok, Skynner, of Glowcestre, my best gowns of the lyuere of Skynners craft, both furre and cloth, yif he be alyue; And to Watkyn Asshweil my secunde best furre and gowne / AH-so I wyll that Nicholas Wyld be holpen and relyved of my gode,  
 16 after the avyse of Thomas Glowcestre my brother / And yf hit so be that eny<sup>2</sup> of the saide personys that I haue made be-quest to, dye a-fore my decesse / than I will that the same goodys of hym or theym that so deyth, be distribuyd in to iij partyes by myn  
 20 executours, that is to sey, oo parte to the almesse of the bretherhede of Corpus Christi, and oure Lady, of my craft; the secunde part to the Wardeyns of Seynt Austyns chirch, to the vse of the same chirch / And the thirde parte to be demenyd and yoven by Thomas  
 24 Gloucestre, my brother and my Executour, to pore peple of the paressh of Seynt Austyns a-boueseid, and oper paresshe, there as nede is / AH-so I be-queth to the brederhede of seynt Nicholas founded by paressh clerkes in London, iij s' iij d<sup>4</sup> / AH-so to the  
 28 bretherhede of seynt Iohn of the Craft of Tailleur[s] of London, iij s

<sup>1</sup> *Salve Maria*. For a history and examples of this devotion, see 'Our Lady's Dowry,' by Rev. T. E. Bridgett, pp. 168—170, 173, 174 (1st edit. 1875). (There is an interesting example of a promise of choir boys singing the *Salve* in Louth's 'Life of William of Wickham,' Appendix, xvi.) See also, for further information about the devotion, in '*Pietas Mariana Britannica*,' by Edmund Waterton, F.S.A. 1879. Part I. pp. 139—141; Part II. pp. 76, 87, 88. Dr. Rock, in his 'Church of our Fathers,' also speaks of this devotion; see Vol. II. pp. 442, 443; Vol. III. pp. 275—279. The example given on pp. 442, 443, Vol. II., is also quoted in 'Our Lady's Dowry.'—M. L. See *Notes* below.

<sup>2</sup> leaf 203.



iiij <sup>4</sup> // And the residue of all my other goodes, catalles and dettes, that be not be-qwethen above / after þat my dettes be paide, my byryng<sup>1</sup> all-so, & expenses funeralx done, and this testament fulfilled / I be-queth and with þat hit be devyded be myn executours 4 yn-to iij parties, wherof ij parties I be-queth to Iohan my wyff, to haue and to hold to her for euermore, in the name of her part and dowyer of my godes to her yn eny wyse be-langgyng / And the third party of the same residue, I bequeth to myn executours, 8 be theym to be disposyd in masses, almes, and werkys of charite for my sowle and all tru cristyn sowlys, as they hope best pleyse god with. And of þis testament I make myn executours, þat is to sey, Thomas Gloucestre, Clerk, my brother, Willkam Allard and Thomas 12 Aston, Citezeins and Skynners of London / And y be-queth to eche of my seide executours for his labor in this party to be had, C s'. In-to the witnessyng of wiche thyng, to this testament I haue set my sele. Writen at London the day and 3ere a-boueseyde / All-so, ouer 16 the premisses, I, the saide Nicholas Charleton, ordeyne, assigne, and be-queth be this testament, to þe saide Iohn my wyf, the termys and state comyng of & in all the tenement with thappurten[au]ntz that I dweH ynne in Watlyngstrete yn the saide paressh of seint Austyn, 20 the wich I hold to ferme<sup>1</sup> of the mayster and couent of seynt Bartholomews spiteH be-side West Smythfeld of London, to haue and to hold to þe saide Iohn the seide termes, state, and tenement with thappurtenauntz, duryng her lyf, oonly yf the termes þer-of last so 24 longe, She beryng, yeldyng, payng and supportyng þerof þe ferme yerely, and oþer charges duryng her lyf, as I am bound to do be wrytyng to þe said maister and Covent/.

Probatum fuit istud testamentum coram Magistro Iohanne 28 Lyndefeld / Commissario &c, tercio die mensis Iulij, Anno domini Millesimo cccc<sup>mo</sup> tricesimonono. Et commissa fuit administracio bonorum huiusmodi &c c<sup>o</sup> executoribus in eodem testamento nominatis, et habent [&c].

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<sup>1</sup> On lease.

COUNTESS OF WARWICK, 1439.<sup>1</sup>

[To be buried in Tewkesbury Abbey, to which, Testatrix gives her head-jewels. Her Statue to be made naked, with Mary Magdalen, St. John, and St. Anthony near, and poor Men and Women about her Tomb. Gifts to the shrines of Tewkesbury, Caversham, Walsingham, Wo'ster, &c. Other Jewels to be sold for the purposes of the Will. Gifts of Brooches and Money to legatees. Tewkesbury to be endowed with 100 marks. Reparation to be made for Testatrix's wrong-doing, if any.]

(Luffenham, ff. 212, back.)

<sup>2</sup> Comitissa Warr.<sup>2</sup> Non acquiet[ati].

In dei Nomine, Amen. This is the testament and last wyll of Dame Isabel, Countesse of Warrewyk,<sup>3</sup> made at London the furst day Decemb<sup>r</sup>, the yere of oure lord M<sup>c</sup>CCCC xxxix. Furst I bequeth<sup>4</sup> my sowle to al-myghty god, and my body to be beryed In the Abbey of Tewkesbery, yn such place as I haue assyngned.<sup>4</sup> And that my grete templys<sup>5</sup> with the Baleys<sup>6</sup> be sold to the vtmost pryse, and delyueryd to the sayde Abbat and the howse of Tewkesbery, so they<sup>8</sup> groche not with my lyenge, and with suche thyng<sup>9</sup> as y wol haue done a-bowt my body. And my Image to be made al naked, and no thyng<sup>9</sup> on my hede but myn here cast bakwardys, and of the gretnes

<sup>1</sup> This will is abstracted in *Testamenta Vetusta*, 1826, i. 239.

<sup>2-3</sup> In a later hand.

<sup>3</sup> Isabel, daughter of Thomas Despencer, 2nd Baron Despencer (Earl of Gloucester, 1397, beheaded at Bristol by the rabble, 1400), by a grand-daughter of Edward III. Heiress to her brother Richard 1414. Married (1) Richard de Beauchamp, Lord Abergavenny (Earl of Worcester, 1420), and (2) his cousin Richard de Beauchamp, 5th Earl of Warwick (Earl of Albemarle, 1417), Lt.-Genl. of France and Normandy 1435 (d. 30 Ap. 1439). See, for a note of his will, p. 134). She was mother of Henry, Duke of Warwick (1444) and King of the Isle of Wight, and mother-in-law of Warwick the King-maker.—J. H. Round.

<sup>4</sup> Her husband was buried in St. Mary's, Warwick, where his magnificent monument is still to be seen.—J. H. Round.

<sup>5</sup> Fr. *Templettes*: f. Fillets, or head-bands for women; also, Jewells hanging vpon their foreheads by bodkins thrust into their haire.—1611. Cotgrave.

<sup>6</sup> Pale or peach colourd rubies.—Dugdale. A Balass Ruby is a term derived from the French "*un rubis balais*," i. e. *couleur de vin paillet* (light red wine). *Balais* is now used as an adjective, but was, in the 15th century, a substantive. See P. de Commynes' account of the rout of Morat (1476): "*Ils gagnèrent trois balais pareils, appelés les trois frères; un autre grand balai appelé la hotte; un autre, appelé la balle de Flandres*," &c., &c.—J. H. Round.

and of the facyon) lyke the mesure that Thomas Porchalyñ hath yn a lyst, and at my hede Mary Mawdelen) leyngi my handes a-crosse, And seynt Iohn) the Evangelyst on the ryght syde of my hede; and on the left syde, Seynt Anton), and at my fete a Skochen) of myn 4 Armes departyd<sup>1</sup> with my lordys, and ij Greffons to bere hit vppe;<sup>2</sup> And aȝ a-bowt my tumbē, to be made pore men) a[n]d women) In theire pore Array, wȝth their bedys In theire handes. AH so I woȝ ther' be made of my grete sharpe,<sup>3</sup> A Chaleys, and offryd to our Lady 8 In our lady Chapeȝ of the Howse of Tewkesbery. AH-so I woȝ oure lady of Cauersham<sup>4</sup> haue a crowne of gold I-made of my cheyne that weyȝth xxv li, with-yn my panyer', and with other broken) gold that is ther In, and ij tabelettes, the tone of seynte Katryne, And the tother 12 of seynt George; And the stonys that bene In hem, to be sett yn the saide Crowne. AH so I woȝ the tabelet with the Image of oure lady with a glasse to-fore hit, be offred to our lady of Walsyngham,<sup>5</sup> and

<sup>1</sup> impaled.—J. H. Round.

<sup>2</sup> Supporters were then coming into fashion, but were not yet strictly hereditary, being often, as in this case, selected by individuals. The Griffin was a monster in much favour. Simon Segar says of it, "This beast, havinge attayned unto his full strength & growth, somuch disdaineth vassalrey and subjection, That hee will never be surprised alive, Thereby lively sheweinge forth his magnanimous twofold kingly spirit, as well of y<sup>e</sup> Lion as of y<sup>e</sup> Eagle."—J. H. Round.

<sup>3</sup> Sharpe. Halliwell—Glossary: *Sharp* (5)—guesses it as 'a sword'! A nice article for Lady Warwick to wear, and order to be turnd into a Chalice! It must be a gold or silver baldrick, girdle, or collar. Fr. '*Escharpe*: f. A Scarfe; a Baudricke.'—Cotgrave.

<sup>4</sup> Caversham (pronounst *Canosham*) in the co. of Oxford, 7½ m. S.W. by S. from Henley upon Thames, and 1½ m. N. from Reading, in the County of Berks. 'The Church here was Part of the first Endowment of the abbey of Notteley in Buckinghamshire, A.D. 1162, and afterward the Manor and a good Estate coming to them, here seems to have been a Cell to that Monastery, which was enriched by the Offerings made in the Chapel of Our Lady here, wherein (saith Dr. London, one of the Visitors, *temp. Hen. VIII*) was a famous Relic shown by one of the Canons, viz. the Angel with one Wing, which brought to Caversham the Spear Head that pierced Our Saviour on the Cross.'—Tanner's *Not. Mon.* in Carlisle's *Topogr. Dict.* That 'one Wing' is hardly beaten by any modern advertisement. It would be workt from side to side like a scull in the stern of a skiff, I suppose.

<sup>5</sup> Little or New Walsingham, in Norfolk. 'The famous Chapel here, dedicated to the Annunciation of our Lady, was built A.D. 1061, by the Widow of Richoldis de Favarches, in Imitation of that at Nazareth, and therein was placed a Prior and Convent of Black Canons by her son Geoffrey, *temp. Will. Conq.* . . . Robert Pigot of Little Walsingham, by his Will dated A.D. 1492, gave an House

my gowne of grene Alyr<sup>1</sup> cloth of gold<sup>2</sup> with wyde sleeves, And  
 a tabernacle ah-so of syluer, lyke as the tymbur is In maner ouer oure  
 lady of Cauersham / AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> the grete Image of wex that is at  
 4 London be offred to our lady of Worcestre. and my weddynggown  
 And ah my clothis of gold<sup>2</sup>, and clothis of silke, with-oute furrereur,  
 euerychon, I wol<sup>3</sup> the howse of Tewkesbery haue hem, saue my  
 Russet vellewet, I wol<sup>3</sup> Seynt Wynfryde haue. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> that ah  
 8 my stonys and perles be sold<sup>4</sup> to parforme my wyth, And ah myn<sup>5</sup> other  
 syluer vessell and godys, saue <sup>2</sup>that is profitable for pore folkes.  
 AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> that euery man and person that hath estate In any land  
 by wey of graunt or feeffement to myn vse, or In my name, make an  
 12 estate <sup>3</sup>of ah hit, or Relese ah hit, to suche personys that I wol<sup>3</sup> and  
 ordeyne to haue the execucion, & ben the executours, of this my last  
 will and testament / AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> that Iane Newmarch haue CC mark<sup>6</sup>  
 in gold<sup>2</sup>, And I to bere ah Costes as for her bryngynge yn-to seynt  
 16 Katrens, or where-euer she wol<sup>3</sup> be elles. And ah-so I wol<sup>3</sup> my sone  
 Harry haue myn oyche<sup>4</sup> with my grete diamond<sup>2</sup>, and my Noych<sup>5</sup> with  
 my Baleys. Item I wol<sup>3</sup> Elysabeth Keston haue  $\text{liij}$  [= 80] marke  
 paid to Norman Waschebourne for her mariage. And yef he gruche  
 20 therwith, the mater so to be laboryd / and sewyd / that he be  
 constrayned ther to do hit / AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> the saide Elizabeth haue,  
 for the labour sche hath had a-bowot me yn my Sekenysse, xx markes.  
 AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> Margaret Morgan haue C markes. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> that  
 24 the maister of deuenyte haue xx ti for hym self, & to dispose wher  
 hym lyst. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> Colyer haue C ti. Item I wol<sup>3</sup> Halphide  
 haue C ti. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> Basset haue C mark<sup>6</sup>. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> Wilt-  
 shire haue C mark<sup>6</sup>. AH-so I wol<sup>3</sup> Colyn of my Chambre haue xx ti.

in or near this Town, for the Use of two leprous Persons of good Families. And  
 from that Time the Hospital or Lazar House of Walsingham is often mentioned  
 in the old Will Books.—Here was an House of Franciscan or Grey Friars,  
 founded about the year 1346, by Elizabeth de Burgo, Countess of Clare, the  
 Foundress of Clare Hall, Cambridge.—Tanner's *Not. Mon.* in Carlisle's *Top. Dict.*

<sup>1</sup> Alyre.

<sup>2</sup> MS. what.

<sup>3</sup> leaf 213.

<sup>4</sup> 'an Oyche; *limula*, *limule*, *monile*.'—Catholicon. See Mr. Hertridge's  
 note, p. 262-3: 'a carcanet, or *ouch* to hang about a gentlewoman's neck,  
*segmentum*.'—Baret. Fr. *ouche*, 'oche, coche, entaille; *ocher*, *cocher*, faire des  
 entailles.'—Hippeau. 'Oche: f. A nicke, nocke, or notch.'—Cotgrave.

<sup>5</sup> See Way's long note on 'Nowche, *Monile*,' in the *Promptorium*, p. 359:  
 'Nouche, or broche, *affiquet*.'—Palsgrave.

All-so I woH ther be fownde a prest syngyng<sup>r</sup> for me vij yere at Mary  
 Maudelene of the holt. AH-so I woH ther be delueryd to the  
 Bishope of Herford<sup>r</sup> C markes, & more and hit nede be, to parforme  
 suche thynges as I haue prayed<sup>r</sup> hym to do for me. AH-so I woH 4  
 that myn executours enmortese<sup>1</sup> vnto the howse of Tewkesbery  
 C mark, or xl li of gode lyvelode, to fynde certayne prestes sertayne  
 almes and sertayne observaunce that I woH haue done for me In the  
 saide howse / AH-so I woH that they that haue, or schult<sup>r</sup> haue, estate 8  
 in my land to the execucion of this my last will, Restore and make  
 dew assithe<sup>2</sup> for aH maner land that is holden by me or yn my name  
 wrongfully, yef eny be, (whetch god for-bede and defende ;) And aH-so  
 that the[y] repare aH maner extorcion by me doon, yef eny be / And 12  
 aH-so that my dettes be furst paide of eny thyng<sup>r</sup>, and that my  
 seruantes that haue no fee of me, terme of lyf, be rewarded after the  
 discrecion of the executours of this my last wiH. And aH the gode  
 and money that is dewe to me at this tyme, I woH be delueryd to 16  
 myne executours to parforme my wiH. AH-so I woH, ordeyne,  
 assigne and name, to parforme and fullyche to execute and to done  
 this my present wiH, and aH that is conteyned ther-yn, sir William  
 Mountfort, Iohn Nansan, Iohn Norreys, and William Menston; 20  
 And I require hem aH, and eueryche of hem, that they do trwly and  
 feithfully theyre part and deuer [? MS.] to execute and parforme this  
 my last wiH, as they aH and euerych of hem woH Answere a-fore god  
 at the day of dome. In witnessyng<sup>r</sup> and verrey a-pref<sup>3</sup> wherof, 24  
 my last wiH by me examyned<sup>r</sup> and closid<sup>r</sup> at London the furst day  
 of Decembre, the xviiij yere Rengnyng<sup>r</sup> of our<sup>r</sup> souereyn lord Kyng<sup>r</sup>  
 Harry the vj<sup>th</sup>, I haue put the sealt of my Armes.

Probatum fuit istud testamentum coram magistro Iohanne Lynde- 28  
 feld, Commissario &c, quarto die mensis Februarij, Anno domini  
 Millesimo CCCC xxxix<sup>o</sup>, Et commissa fuit administracio &c domino  
 Willelmo Mountfort militi, & Willelmo Menston &c, Reseruata  
 postestate &c; & habent xiiij<sup>m</sup> diem mensis Maij proximum futurum. 32  
 Inuentarium exhibitur coram Reuerendissimo in christo predicto, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Fr. *amortir* . . to graunt, alien or passe away, in Mortmaine.—1611.  
 Cotgrave. Lat. '*Admortizatio*, Prædiorum translatio in manum mortuam, seu  
 prædiorum acquisitio facta a monasteriis et collegiis religiosis, vel etiam laicis.'—  
 D'Arnis.

<sup>2</sup> Satisfaction, reparation.

<sup>3</sup> Aprooval, confirmation.

## SIR RALPH ROCHEFORT, 1439.

[*Personalty*. Best Horse as a Burial-fee. 20s. each to Lincoln Cathedral, and St. Giles's, Cripplegate. Gold sapphire Ring to the Bishop of Lincoln. Vulture's-egg cup to Lord Cromwell. Money to a Convent and 2 Churches. Residue to Executors, for Testator's Soul. (*Will of Realty*, p. 121.)]

(Luffenham, ff. 215, bk.)

[*Latin Testament of some Personalty*.]

In dei Nomine Amen. Vicesimo sexto die mensis Marcij,  
Anno domini Millesimo CCC<sup>mo</sup> tricesimonono, Et Anno regni  
Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie decimo septimo, Ego,  
4 Radulphus Rochefort, Miles, in bona et sana memoria existens,  
condo, facio, ordino & constituo presens testamentum meum in hunc  
modum : In primis lego & recomendo animam meam deo omnipotenti,  
creatori et saluatori meo, beateque Marie Virgini matri eius, &  
8 omnibus sanctis, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum vbicunque deus,  
ex sua gracia speciali, pro me disponere voluerit. Item lego nomine  
mortuarij mei, meum optimum equum. Item lego matri ecclesie  
Lincolnie, xx s'. Et lego fabrice ecclesie sancti Egidij extra  
12 Crepulgate,<sup>1</sup> xx s' argenti. Item lego Reuerendo patri ac domino meo,  
domino Willelmo, dei gratia, Lincolnie episcopo, vnum anulum auri  
cum uno magno saphiro. Item lego domino Radulpho Cromwell,<sup>2</sup>  
domino de Tateshale, Thesaurario Anglie, meum ciphum vocatum  
16 'grypys ey.'<sup>3</sup> Item lego sororibus et pauperibus sancte Katerine, extra  
barras lincolnie, xiiij s' iiij<sup>4</sup>. Item lego fabrice ecclesie de Stoke,<sup>4</sup> x fi.  
Item lego reparacioni capelle sancti Michaelis in le Fenne prope

<sup>1</sup> 'Now without the Posterne of Creplegate [London], first is the Parish Church of Saint Giles, a very faire and large Church, lately repaired, after that the same was burned, in the yeere 1545.'—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 312 b. Here was Oliver Cromwell married (Aug. 20, 1620), and these folk buried: Milton (1674), his father (1646), Sir Martin Frobisher (1594-5), Fox the Martyrologist (1587), and J. Speed the Topographer (1588).—Cunningham.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Ralph de Cromwell, Knt., of Tatteshall, co. Linc., 4th Lord Cromwell, and Treasurer of the King's Exchequer: died *sine prole*, 1455.—J. H. R.

<sup>3</sup> A Gripe's or Vulture's egg. See two like bequests by the priest John Sturgeon, to his sister and cousin, in the last Will, below, A.D. 1454, p. 133, l. 4, 5.

<sup>4</sup> † South Stoke or Stoke Rochford, in the Soke of Grantham, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . Church ded. to St. Andrew and St. Mary . . . It is 2 m. N.W. by N. from Colsterworth.—Carlisle.

Boston, x ti. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum, do & lego executoribus meis, quos facio, ordino, et constituo, Iohannem Tamworth, Iohannem Langholme, Ricardum Leek, Willelmum Massyngham, Iohannem Rayncok clericum, 4 Robertum Caillefete & Willelmum Stanlow. Supervisores vero huius testamenti & mee vltime voluntatis, prefatis executoribus per me recitatis & declaratis, ordino, constituo, rogo & specialiter requiro, predictum venerabilem patrem meum, Willelmum, Lincolnie Epis-8 copum, & Radulphum dominum de Cromwell & de Tateshale, Thesaurarium Anglie, vt ipsi ordinent & disponent pro anima mea, prout melius viderint deo placere, & secundum exigenciam & declaracionem voluntatis mei [so] predicte. In cuius rei testi-12 monium, huic presenti testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Manerium meum de Fenne, die & Anno supradictis.

[*English Will of the Real Estate and Residue of Personality.*]

[Wife to have her Dower in his inherited Lands and a Rent-Charge of £20 a-year, if she behaves properly or marries well. If she claims Dower out of purchast Lands, her Rent-Charge to cease. Surplus Rents of 2 Lincolnshire Manors to go to Executors for 7 years. Sons to be trained at School, and then at Court.<sup>1</sup> Entail of 3 different Estates on Sons Ralph, John, and Henry, with cross remainders between them; and if they die, their Mother living, remainder to her, with ultimate remainder to Testator's right heirs, or to be sold for the benefit of his Soul. Son *Ralph* to have 4 Lincolnshire Manors (p. 123); *John*, the lands bought of Sir Wm. Malery (p. 123); *Henry*, the lands bought of Sir Jn. Biron and others (p. 124),—but not till 8 years after Testator's death,—and also the lands in Southend, Boston (p. 125). Rent-charges given or confirmd to certain Servants and other folk. Profits of 2 Manors, and Personality, to be uzed for Burial, Payment of Debts, Priests and Poor to sing and pray, keep Obit, give Wife 200 marks, and one-third his Plate and Moveables; son Ralph 500 marks to get a Wife, and John and Henry 300 marks each. Another third of Plate and Moveables, for the benefit of Sons; the last third for the purposes of the Will, and Testator's Soul. Executors to have £100 between em (p. 128). Sons interfering with the Will, to lose benefits under it. Old Will of 1436 to be referd to.]

**T**his is the last will of Rauf Rochefort, Knyght. <sup>2</sup>First, the saide

<sup>1</sup> This was the alternativ to the University, and generally chosen in preference to it, for Gentlemen's sons.

<sup>2</sup> This is the second will in the 3rd person. See the first at p. 43.

Rauf wiȝ and ordeyneth and prayeth aȝ his ffeoffes of aȝ his maners, londes and tenementes, rentes and seruices, with<sup>1</sup> aȝ theire appurtenaunces, in the Countes of Lincoln and Warrewyke and elles where, to  
 4 performe and fulfille his wiȝ yn the forme ensuyng<sup>t</sup>. First, he wiȝ that Margarete his wyf haue hir' laufuȝ dower of aȝ his maners londes and tenementes, rentes and seruices, of his enheritaunce in the Countes for-saide, for terme of hir lif. Aȝ-so he wiȝ that the saide  
 8 Margarete haue xx markes of laufuȝ money yerly out of the maners of Fenne and Skreyng, with their appurtenaunces, yn the Counte of Lincoln, ouer hir' dower forsaide, for terme of hir' lyf. Vnder this condicion, that she kepe hir' in honeste and worshupfuȝ gouernaunce,  
 12 or elles that she be maried to hir' worshipec and to hir' estate, by assent and Counsaill of aȝ or of the most partye of his executours and Surveyours of his testament. And aȝ-so that she clayme no dower nor Ioyntfeffement, nor no thyng<sup>t</sup> do, ne wirke (that might  
 16 greue his heires or his executours) In no maner degree contrarie his wiȝ, nor that she claime no Iointestate in none other of his londes ne rentez of his purchase, nor in no londes ne tenementez of his purchase, nor in no londes, tenementes nor annuities wiche he hath graunted to  
 20 eny of his seruauntez for terme of lyf or othir wyse. And if she doo the contrarie to eny thyng<sup>t</sup> of this his last wiȝ, or make eny clayme yn the contrarie ther-of, Than that she haue oonly but hir dowers of aȝ his maners landes and tenementes of his enheritaunce forsaide.  
 24 And aȝ-so he wiȝ <sup>2</sup>that all profytes and issues of the maners of Fenne, Skreyng, Stoke, and Arleye, with aȝ theire appurtenaunces, that leueth<sup>3</sup> clerely ouer the dower and the xx marc forsaide by his graunte to the saide Margarete yn the forme forsaide, and ouer  
 28 annuities wiche he hath graunted to eny of his seruautes for terme of theire lyves, or other wyse, yn the saide maners,—wiche he wiȝ that thei stande yn their strenketh, after the forme of his graunte made by his lettres and his seal,—that the same profites and issues be kept and  
 32 delyueryd to the Executours handes for the terme of vij yere after his decesse. Item he wiȝ that his sonnes be susteyned and kepte to scoles, and aftir to courte, by ouersight and gouernaunce of his executours til they come to fuȝ age. And aȝ-so if the saide

<sup>1</sup> MS. will<sup>2</sup> leaf 216.<sup>3</sup> remain.



Margarete his wyff decesse or tyme Rauf his son) comme at full age, thanne aH her' dower', and the xx marc yerely forsaide, to be kept to the sustenaunce of aH his Children) yn the maner and fourme forsaide. And when Rauf his sone cometh to his full age, than he 4 wilH that he haue aH the saide maners of Fenne, Skreyng, Stoke, and Arleye, in the fourme forsaide, with aH their appurtenaunce3, with all other reuersions, what so euer they bee, wanne they falle to hym, and to the heres of his body lafully be-goten). And if he 8 discesse without heires of his body lafully begoten), Thanne aH the saide maners, with aH the saide Reuersions, with their appurtenaunce3, in the fourme forsaide, remayne to Iohn) his son), and to the heires of his body lafully comyng'. And yf the saide Iohn) decesse 12 withoute heires of his body comyng', Than) he wilH that aH the maners forsaide, yn the saide fourme forsaide, remayne to Henry his sone, and to the heires of his body comyng'. And if the saide Henry discesse withoute heires of his body comyng', Thanne he wilH that aH 16 the maners forsaide, with aH their appurtenaunce3 in the fourme aforesaide, remayne to the saide Margarete his wif, if she lif; she to haue aH the saide maners, londes and tenementes, with aH their appurtenaunce3, for terme of hir lif / so that she kepe hir in honest 20 and worshupfull gouernaunce, and in suche maner and condicion as is before written). And aftir hir discesse, aH the saide maners, londes and tenementes, rentes and reuersions, to remayne to his next heire. AH-so he wilH that aH the maners, londes and tenementes, 24 rentes & seruices wich he bought of Sir William Malery, knygh[t], liyng' in Northstoke,<sup>1</sup> with all their appurtenaunce3, be keppit in his feffes and executours handes, Vnto tyme Iohn) his sone comme to full age; And the profit3 ther-of comyng' in the mean tyme, ouer 28 reparacions & expenses, to be keppit to his profite, and to be delueryd vnto him whan he cometh at full age / with aH the saide manere, londes, tenementes, rentes and seruices, with all the appurtenaunce3, to haue to hym and to the heires of his body 32 comyng'. And if [John] discesse withoute heire of his body comyng' /

<sup>1</sup> Stoke, North, in the Wapentake of Winnibriggs and Threo, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln; in the Parish of Stoke . . . It is 2½ m. N.W. by N. from Colsterworth.—Carlisle.

than he wilþ that all the same maners, londes, tenementes, rentes & services, with the appurtenaunces, remayne to Henry his sone in the fourme be-fore saide. And if he die withoute heires of his body  
 4 comyng, or tyme he come to full age or aftirward, Thanne the saide maners, londes, tenementes, rentes & services, with the appurtenaunces, to remayne to Margarete his wyf for terme of hir lif; And aftir hir discesse, to be sold by the executours. And all the money that  
 8 may be receyued therof, that hit be done for his soule, by aduys of the executours, as they wilþ answers be-fore god, to prestes and pore men, in almes dede, and other wise as hem think that best is for hele of his soule. And all-so that all those maners, londes, tenementes,  
 12 wich he hath purchased of Sir Iohn Biron in Stoke<sup>1</sup> and Obthorpe<sup>2</sup> & Thurleby<sup>3</sup> & Dembleby<sup>4</sup> in Kesteuen / and of other diuers men in Arleye, Fenne, and Skreyng, aftir suche annuytes boren out of hem seuerally like as he hath graunted to diuers men, that thos  
 16 same maners, londes & tenementes, viij yere aftir his decesse, remayne and abyde in the feesfe handes. And the rentes and profite; ther-of to be receyuyd by the executours, and expendid in the fulfillyng of his wilþ; And aftir the saide viij yere to be / to the vse of the saide  
 20 Rauf his son, and to the heires of his body comyng. And if he die withoute heires of his body comyng, than the same maners, londes and tenementes forto remayne to Iohn and Henry, his brether,<sup>5</sup> aither  
 24 sonnes die withoute heires of their bodies, theire moder than lyuyng, then, she for to haue all the same maners, londes and tenementes duryng her lif; And after hir decesse, to be sold by the Executours,

<sup>1</sup> *South Stoke*, or *Stoke Rochford* is 6 miles from Grantham, in Grantham Soke, Lincolnshire.

<sup>2</sup> *Obthorpe* and *Northorpe* are 2 hamlets in the Parish of Thurlby, 6 miles N. from Market Deeping.—Moule, *Engl. Counties Delineated*, ii. 201 a.

<sup>3</sup> There are 2 Thurlbys in Kesteven: 1. *Thurlby*, in the Lower Division of the Wapentake of Boothby Graffo, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 10 m. S.W. from Lincoln. 2. *Thurlby*, in the Wapentake of Ness, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 5½ m. N.N.W. from Market Deeping. (A third *Thurlby* is in the Wold Division of the hund. of Calceworth, Parts of Lindsey, Co. of Lincoln . . . 2½ m. E. from Alford.)—Carlisle.

<sup>4</sup> *Dembleby*, in the Wapentake of Aveland, Parts of Kesteven, Co. of Lincoln . . . 6 m. N.W. by W. from Folkingham.—Carlisle.

<sup>5</sup> Brothers.

<sup>6</sup> leaf 216, back.

and disposid<sup>r</sup> for his sowle, like as hem sha<sup>ll</sup> seme that best is, and most meritoire<sup>1</sup> & behouefull in that partye. And as touchyng<sup>r</sup> a<sup>ll</sup> the londres, tenementes and rentes in Southende in Boston,<sup>2</sup> beyng<sup>r</sup> in his feffees handes, he wi<sup>ll</sup> that his executours sha<sup>ll</sup> haue the issues and 4 profite<sup>r</sup> vnto the tyme that Henry his sone comme to full age, to the vse of the same Henry, And than for to delyuery the same londres, tenementes and rentes vnto the same Henry, to haue to hym and the heires of his body comyng<sup>r</sup>. And if he die withoute<sup>n</sup> heire of his 9 body, than to Rauf his brother, and his issue; And aftir him and his issue, to Iohn his brother, and his issue in the taile. And for defaute of issue of hem a<sup>ll</sup> thre, then the same londres, tenementes and rentes for to remayne to their<sup>r</sup> moder, if she than li<sup>ff</sup>; And elles to remayne 12 to the next heires of the saide Rauf, yn way of enheritaunce. AH-so as touchyng<sup>r</sup> the maners of Stourepewe and Newton-Longvile,<sup>3</sup> wherin he hath certayn termes to endure, as hit apperith<sup>r</sup> seuerally by the kyngges lettres patentes, he wi<sup>ll</sup> that of the issues, profit<sup>r</sup> and 16 reuenues of thos two maners with the appurtenaunce<sup>r</sup>, that certayne annuities borne oute of hem, wi<sup>ch</sup> are expressed<sup>r</sup> here-aftir in this wi<sup>th</sup> to diuers of his seruantys, that is to say, to Margery Loughiton yerely out of Stoureprews duryng<sup>r</sup> the termes therof, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; And 20 oute of Newton Longvile, to Robert Cailleflete duryng<sup>r</sup> the termes therof, l<sup>d</sup> s'; to Iohn Newbery, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; Iohn Cornwai<sup>ll</sup>, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; Iohn More, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; William Basse, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; Nicho<sup>ll</sup> Penbroke, xxvj s' viij<sup>d</sup>; Iohn Iohnson, xx s'; Ienyn 24 Bavenger<sup>r</sup>, xij s' iij<sup>d</sup>; Iohn Pallyng<sup>r</sup>, xij s' iij<sup>d</sup>; Richard Skott, vj s' viij<sup>d</sup>, yerely, duryng<sup>r</sup> the saide termes of Newton-Longvyle. AH-so that Richard Leke haue sti<sup>ll</sup> his annuite yn Arley for terme of his lif,

<sup>1</sup> Fr. '*Meritoire*': com. Meritorious, well deseruing, worthie of reward.'—1611. Cotgrave.

<sup>2</sup> Boston, a large, well-built town, of Lincolnshire, seated on both sides of the river Witham, by means of which, much assisted by navigable canals, it carries on a considerable trade to London, and some to the Baltic, &c. The church spire is very lofty, and a noted sea-mark . . . Boston is 37 miles S.E. of Lincoln, and 115 N. of London.—Walker's *Gazetteer*, 1801.

<sup>3</sup> † The *Newton* 4 miles N.W. from Folkingham, or that between Gedney-Fen and Cambridgeshire (Walker), or that by Toft, 4½ miles from Market-Rasen (Moule). The only *Newton Longville* in Moule, i. 161 a, is also cald 'Newington,' and is in Bucks, 3½ miles S.W. from Fenny Stratford.

<sup>d</sup> fifty shillings.

accordyng<sup>1</sup> to his dede of annuite that he hath ther-vpon). Also he  
 wilh that Robert Cailflet and Iohane his wyf haue and reioys<sup>1</sup> for  
 terme of their lyves, and of eyther of them lengest lyvyng, the place  
 4 in Eston<sup>2</sup> sumtyme callyd Botiller Place, in such manere and fourme  
 as the dede of grawnt of the saide Robert and Iohane makith  
 mencion in that partie. Ah-so that William Stanlow reioys peisibely  
 and haue confermyd vnto hym by the feffees of the saide Rauf, a mese  
 8 of londes & tenementes in Dembleby & Waterwilughby,<sup>3</sup> to haue to  
 the same William Stanlowe and his assignes for terme of xx yere.  
 Ah-so that Jenyn Beranger, his seruaut, haue for terme of his life a  
 place in Fenne Amutyme (?), called Burton Place, by way of reward  
 12 for his long<sup>4</sup> seruice, ouer the xij s' iiij of Annuite. Ah-so that  
 Iohn Coke, his seruaut, haue in Stoke a place called Prestplace, for  
 terme of his lif, the wych is yerely of rent x s', in reward for his long<sup>4</sup>  
 seruice. And ah-so he wilh that the saide Robert Caillelete haue  
 16 Obthorpe and Thurleby in Kesteuen, that was purchased of sir Iohn  
 Biron, in the name of annuite of .l. s' for terme of lif of the saide  
 Robert. And ah-so he wilh that, of the issues and profitez of the  
 saide Manere of Stourepewe and Newton Longevile with the  
 20 appurtenaunces, the saide annuites born and deduit oute of hem, that  
 the executours haue and receyue ah the same issues and profitz  
 duryng the saide terme, that they may therwith, and with ah the  
 othir reuenues and profites of ah the Maners, londes and tenementes  
 24 that they shaH haue and receyue by this wilh aftir his decesse, And  
 with ah othir dettes beyng due to hym at the day of his deth, and  
 ah his other godes and stufes<sup>4</sup> meveable that he leveth vnto hem as to  
 his executours, First brynge hym to the Erthe honestly, as his Estate  
 28 asketh; And than next for to ordeyne and paye ah his dettes; And  
 also to bere Charges of such prestes and poor men as ensuyth: That  
 is to say, at Stoke, a prest and iiij bedmen / a prest at Newton  
 Longvile, and a prest at Fenne, for to synge and pray for his sowle  
 32 dailly. And yf Fryre Barton<sup>5</sup> wilh a-bide stiH and synge att the  
 Fenne, than he wilh that the same Barton, for such tyme as he wilh

<sup>1</sup> rejoice, enjoy.<sup>2</sup> Easton, Lincolnshire, between Stamford and Grantham.—Walker.<sup>3</sup> Willoughby, Scots, or Water, Lincolnshire, N. of Folkingham.—Walker.<sup>4</sup> or 'stuffe.'<sup>5</sup> ! MS. Bacton'.

synge there, haue yerely .V. nobles for his salarie for that diuine  
*seruice*. Also he wiþ that his obyte be kept yerely for euermore yn  
 the *parissh* Chirch of Stoke; and for sustenaunce therof, he wiþ that  
 his executours ordeyne yerely xx s' to be receyued of a place that he 4  
 purchased of the executours of Iohn Symond, sumtyme called  
 Eleward Place in Fenne, and to be expended to þe <sup>1</sup>vse of the saide  
 obyte for euermore. And than of the residue that so shaþ remayne  
 of the saide issues and *profitez* of the *maners*, and of other godes with 8  
 the executours, ouer aþ the saide charges resonably to be consideryd /  
 and to be born as is afore, and shaþ be here-aftyr in this wiþ  
 rehersed, that Dame Margarete his wyf, if she gouerne hir worship-  
 fully, like as is aboue rehersed, haue CC mark of money, or elles x ti 12  
 yerely of the issues and *profitz* of the saide *maners* of Stoureprewes  
 and Newton-Longvile duryng the *termes* ther-of. And ouer that, she  
 to haue oon party of aþ his plate and other godes moevable, yf she  
 be gouernyd worshipfully accordyng to his wiþ in the fourme a-fore- 16  
 saide. And that Rauf, his sone, haue ordeyned for to by him a  
 mariage .V.<sup>c</sup> marc; And either of his two brethern Iohn and Henry  
 CCC marc, if hit wiþ suffice ther-to, and so ferre stretch ouer aþ oþir  
 charges forsaide to be borne / and thes *sommes* for to be reysed of the 20  
 saide *dettes*, and of the saide issues and *profitz* of the saide *maners* of  
 Stoureprewes & Newton-Longvile / Also as touchyng a-noþir parte  
 of his saide plate and oþir stuff of godes moevable, that his execu-  
 tours, by aduys of the Surveyours, demene, gouerne & distribute of 24  
 that parte to ychone of his saide sonnes in releyung and *preferryng*  
 of hem, like as [by] their discrecions it shaþ seme hem nedeful and  
 resonable / hauyng consideracion to aþ oþir charges that most algates  
 be born yn paymentys of his saide *dettes* / and other wyse to the ease 28  
 of his sowle. And as touchyng the parte of aþ the saide plate, and  
 of his oþir stuffe of godes mevable so then remaynyng, he wiþ that  
 his saide executours gouerne and dispose that third parte in such  
 maner and fourme / as in diuine *seruices*, almes dedes, and oþir 32  
 werkes of charite, payment of his *dettes*, and aþ oþir duez and  
*gouernances* for the performyng of his wyþ / like as by their  
 discrecions, by the aduys of the saide Survyours, it shaþ seme most

necessarie and spedefull to the hele of his sowle. Also he wiþ that his executours haue of the saide godes, for their reward and labour, .C. li. to be distribute and departid amonges hem, to ychon of hem 4 aftir his charge and labour. And pat wick of hem that no charge of mynistracion of his testament in execucion of his wiþ takith ne workith, shaþ no reward haue of the saide .C. li. And all-so wick of hem as laboureth for the execucion of his wiþ, and taketh vpon him 8 mynystracion, shaþ haue for his resonable costes that he deth yn that partie at all tymes. Also he wiþ that if his wyf or eny of his saide sonnes worke the contrarye of this his present wille, in lettynge or distourbyng the saide executours of fulfillynge ther-of, that than 12 þey shaþ lose aduantage and benefite of this his present wiþ. All-so if ther be eny clause or matier in his olde wiþ made the xiiij yere of the kyng that now is, to the wick it shaþ seme to the saide executours, by aduys of the Surveyours, for to be necessary to resorte, 16 and to take remembraunce of, for the more playne execucion of this his present wiþ / that in such case the saide executours haue full power, by the aduys of the said Surveyours therof, to put in execucion, in rewardys of seruantes, and othir wyse yn all maner poyntes, like 20 as in that partye after their conscience and good discrecions it shaþ seme hem necessarie for to be done and executed for the most ease of his entent. And yn witnesse of this his present last wiþ, the forsaide Rauf here-to hath sette his seale the xij<sup>th</sup> day of March In 24 the yere of oure lord god M<sup>i</sup> CCCC xxxix<sup>th</sup> And in the xviii<sup>1</sup> yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the sext.

Probata fuerunt dicta testamentum & vltima voluntas coram Magistro Iohanne Lyndefeld, xix die mensis Maij, anno domini 28 Millesimo CCCC quadragesimo, et commissa fuit administracio & discretis viris Willelmo Massyngham & Roberto Cailleflete executoribus & c, Reseruata potestate & c, & habent citra festum Michaelis ex futuro ad exhibendum Inuentarium & c.

<sup>1</sup> 'decimo septimo,' the Latin Testament says rightly, and March 26 for the day. The 17th of Henry VI. was from 1 Sept. 1438, to 31 Aug. 1439.

SIR THOS. BROOK,<sup>1</sup> KNIGHT, OF COBHAM, 1438-9.

[To be buried in Thorncomb Church ; 13 poor men to hold a torch each at the Obit ; all poor blind or lame folk there to have 4*d*. each, and other needy ones 1*d*. Wife to defend Testator's Servants from prosecution by his Children and others. Residue to Wife, for herself and the true Servants, and to marry Testator's unmarried Children with.]

(Luffenham, ff. 217, bk.)

*Testamentum Thome Brook, militis.*

**I**n the name of the Fadyr & of the sonne & of the holy goost, so be hit now & evyr! the xij day of Februare, the 3ere fro the Incarnacion of our lord ihesu cryst M<sup>o</sup> cccc<sup>mo</sup> xxxviiij<sup>o</sup>. I. Thomas Brook', knyghte & lord of Cobham,<sup>2</sup> beyng' yn hole mynde & goode 4 witte, make my testament in this wyse. Fyrste I by-seche the most blessid Trinite to haue mercy on me, And that thorow the prayer of the blessid Virgyne Marye, the moder of oure lord ihesu cryst, & of all the sayntys that ben in hevyn, that I, wrechid synner, myght the 8 rather to haue grace worthily to be-wayle my synnys or that my sowle departe owte of this world, so that hit may be fownde clene & worthy, thorow trwe repentaunce & contynuaunce for-thenkyng', to be resseuyd in to the blysse that eyr shall last. More-ouer hit is my 12 wiiff that my body be buryd yn the north yle of the chirch of Thornecombe.<sup>3</sup> And that at the day of my buryng' ther be saide iij masses, And all-so that þer be xiiij pore men clothid in white,

<sup>1</sup> Son of Sir Thomas Brook, Knt. (see p. 26). Married Joan Braybroke, great-granddaughter and heiress of John of Cobham, 2nd Lord Cobham.—J. H. Round.

<sup>2</sup> *Cobham Hall*, Kent, 3 miles W. of Rochester, now the seat of the Earls of Darnley.—J. H. Round. (At Cobham in Surrey, on the river Mole, 19 miles S. by W. of London, I once saw a friend pull out a 4lb. perch.)

<sup>3</sup> Thorncombe, Devonshire, N.E. of Axminster.—Walker. It is locally situated in Dorsetshire, in an insulated part of Devonshire, and is 3 miles W. from Beaminster. (See also p. 26.)

holdyng' eche of hem a torghe brennyng' at the dirige & at the masse  
 yn the day of my obyte. And afterward the torgis to be dalt .iiij. of  
 hem to the Chirch of Thornecombe, & the remaynande of the torgis  
 4 to x of the nedyst paryschirches yn the Cuntre by sidys. AH-so it  
 is my wiH that euery pore blynde, or lame man or woman that  
 cummyth to myne obite, haue iiij <sup>4</sup>. AH-so it is my wiH þat euery  
 pore nedý man, woman or child that cummyth to my obyte haue  
 8 .i. <sup>4</sup> AH-so it is my wiH that euery man or woman that commyth  
 home to Holdyche <sup>1</sup> yn the day of my obyte after the masse is do at  
 Thornecumbe, that thay haue sufficiante mete & drynke. AH-so hit  
 is my wyH, that if þer be eny of myne owne childryn, or eny other  
 12 man, that wiH trouble, disese, or pursew of my trew seruandys, & yn  
 speciaH, Iohn Battiscoumbe, WiH Tavern or Iohn Corbrigge, that my  
 wyff, with alle the lordeshipe and frendshipe that she may gete,  
 socour hem, helpe hem, & defende hem, from the malice of myne  
 16 owne children & of aH oþer, whiles she hath eny gode wherwith to  
 withstande her <sup>2</sup> IvyH wyH. AH-so hit is my wiH that Clowys haue  
 .v. mark. And the residue of aH my godys that be not be-qwedyt  
 yn this my testament, I ȝeue and by-qweth to my wyf, to helpe hir  
 20 with, & my trwe seruandys a-foresaide, And aH-so to helpe for to  
 mary my children that ben noȝt maryd. And that this my testament  
 may truly be executyd, I make and ordeyne my wyfe myn executrice /  
 and yf she wiH, Edward my sone, <sup>3</sup> sir Iankyn Byschope with hir /  
 24 Probatum fuit. [In margin] acquietati sunt vere.

[The other English wills in "Luffenam" are those of  
 Thomas BURTON of "Lughtburgh," 27 March 1447, (mixt  
 English and Latin, and imperfect,) leaf 222, back.

28 Robert SARKYN, draper, of London, 20 Sept. 1444, leaf 230,  
 back.

Sir Wauter LUCY, knight, 18 July, 1444, lf. 231, back (2 pages  
 long).

32 William WHARFLOD of Chalfhunt Seynt Gyle (? Berkshire or  
 Bucks), proved 27 November, 1447.

John THROCKMARTEN (of Fladbury in Worcestershire ?), 12 April,  
 1445. leaf 248.

<sup>1</sup> See p. 27.

<sup>2</sup> her = their.

<sup>3</sup> Summoned to Parliament as "Edwardo Brooke de Cobham, Chiv," 13 Jan.  
 1445.—H. Round.



Richard SHIPLEY, 26 Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1444 ("Also y wille and charge that myn exequies be not outragely done in expenses of vanites of Candilstikkis, torches, and suche other, but deuoutely, And the coste that shal be doo thanne, be yeue to pouere men, and that [so] that 4 haue nede"), leaf 250, back.

John WYNTER, Squyer, of the shire of Sotheray, 20 May, 1445: leaf 252, back. ("Also to Herry Perreur a new gowne of Russet furred with blak lambe, that y had new at Crystenmesse, and also my 8 wode knyf, and a lyned gowne of russet of my maistre Fastolf liuerey," lf. 253.)

William BATHORP, Baron of the King's Exchequer, 26 Oct. 1442. leaf 258 (bk: "Also I wille that the kirkerevys of the 12 parish chirch of Clerkenwell haue xiiij s' iiii d for to spend on the onourmentz of the same kirke").

John MALTON, gentleman. 6 Aug. 1447, lf. 274.

Richard KETRYCH, Grocer, of London. 4 Oct. 1447 (26 Hen. VI). 16

Richard ALRED, Squire, of Boreham, Essex, 8 May, 1446, leaf 275, back.

Roger LOVEDEN of Bristol, Merchant, 18 July, 1447, leaf 279 (back: "Also I bequethe to my wyfe all my store of howsold 20 of beddyng, helyng Costurs of hallys and chambrys and kechyn,").]

### NICHOLAS STURGEON, PRIEST, 1454.

[To be buried in the Lady-Chapel at the N. door of St. Paul's. Goods to be used for Testator's Soul; but bequests given, of Money, a Chalice, Vestments, Bed of green silk, gilt Piece jeweld, silver Pots, 2 Vulture's-egg Cups, green worsted Bed, Costers, Hall-hangings, Silver Cups, 6s. a year for a Boy's Schooling, a blue Bed with Sheets, &c., Gowns, &c. A Priest to sing for 7 years for Testator.]

Rous (Prerog. Court), lf. 76, back.

Sturgeon. [*In margin.*]

In the blessyd name of the holy trinite, the Fader, the sone, the holy gost, three persons in oon substaunce, the last day of the Moneth of May, In the yere of Incarnacioun of our lorde Ihesu Crist a M<sup>i</sup> 24 cccc liiij, And in the yere of the Reigne of Kyng Harry the vj after the conquest xxxij, I, Nicholas Sturgeon, preest, most vnworthy to

have that wurshipful name & office, beyng in good bodely helth, with hole & stedfast mynde ordeyne & make my testament in this wise. In the first, y bequeth my sowle to the grete mercy of al  
 4 myghty god, my wrecchid body to the erthe sanctified and halowed, to be buryed in the Chapeil of our blessyd lady & seynt Nicholas now of new edified atte Northdore of the Cathedral cherche of seynt pawle of london; <sup>1</sup> And all my wordly goodes to be demened for the  
 8 merites of my sowle withouten eny vayn glorie, by the wise avise of myn Executouris, my dettes and duetes to be payed next after the costes don in myne entierement; Reparacions and implementis dwe to the seyde Cathedral Chirche of seynt powle, truly to be content  
 12 after the maner and forme as y receyved hem. Item, y bequeth to the makying of the Steple of the paryssh cherche of seynt Awstyns in london, nexte powles chircheyerd, <sup>2</sup> xl s'. Item y bequeth to the parisshe cherch of Henstrygge, <sup>3</sup> a chalyce of the price of lxvj s' viij d.  
 16 Item y bequeth to the parisshe cherche of seynt Andrewe in Aysperton, <sup>4</sup> a vestement of blak for prest, deacon, and subdeacon, of the prys of x. ii, or within; myne exequyes and obite day to be kept solempny ther duryng the terme of vij yere; for the expenses of the  
 20 which y bequethe xlvj s', viij d, that ys to sey, for euery yere vj s' iiij d. Item y bequethe to the wurshipful Monasteryes of Crist-chirch of Caunterbury, of seynt Awstyn in the same towne, and of seynt Albanes, <sup>5</sup> xx<sup>ii</sup> myle from london, lx s', by evyn porcyons, to  
 24 euery hows xx s'. in remembraunce of my Fraternite, the more specially they to pray for me. Furthermore, y bequethe to my cosyn

<sup>1</sup> The present architect of St. Paul's, Mr. F. C. Penrose, says this is the first authority he has seen for the situation of the Chapel of St. Nicholas in old St. Paul's.

<sup>2</sup> The Parish Church of St. *Augustine*, and one house next adjoining, in *Watheling streete*, is of this Ward called *Faringdon*. This is a faire Church, and lately well repaired.—Stow's *Survey*, 1633, p. 351 a. Burnt in the Great Fire of 1666, and rebuilt by Wren. See p. 113 abuv, note 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Henstridge*, Somersetshire, E. of Milborn Port.—Walker. On the borders of Dorsetshire, 9 miles S.W. from Shaftesbury, and 6 miles N.E. from Sherbourn. Church dedicated to St. Nicholas.—Moule. (Eastward from Kelston or Kelweston (on the borders of Glo'stershire, 4 miles N.W. from Bath) is Henstridge or Kelston Round Hill, which commands an extensive prospect.—Moule, i. 415 a.)

<sup>5</sup> In Hertfordshire.

<sup>4</sup> *Asperton*, Herefordshire, near Stow-Chapel and Stretton.—Walker.

Iohan Frowyk, my bed of grene sylke, wip the testour & Canape ther-to, palid tartyn<sup>1</sup> white and rede, And the gilde pece wip smale stones sett ther-on. Item y bequethe to my suster Bartrice my syluer pottes, And the beter cuppe of the grypes eye.<sup>2</sup> Item y<sup>4</sup> bequethe to my cosyn Margrete Shipton that other gripes eye, and bed of grene wurstede, with the costers longyng ther-to. Also y bequeth to my brother Iohn Sturgeon the hallyng with the ix wurthy,<sup>3</sup> And vj cuppes of Sylver stondyng on low fete, with<sup>8</sup> the coueryng therto. And as tochyng my brother Richard, y can not assigne no thyng of my good recompensible to his good brotherhede, wherfor notwithstanding this, my will thus disposid: If ther be eny thyng that he wold desire ther-of to his vse, terme of<sup>12</sup> his lyff, y wull that he haue it. Item y bequeth to my cosyn Thomas Ryke, a stondyng cuppe gilde, with chased werk. Item y bequethe to myn cosyn Richard Ryke, a cuppe of syluer couered; And for to fynde to gramer scole my cosyn, his sone William, xx<sup>16</sup> iiij s for the tyme of iiij. yere. Item y bequethe to my cosyn Margrete Dowrigge a stondyng pece of syluer couered. Item y bequethe to Iohn<sup>4</sup> Anglesey my seruau<sup>nt</sup> x li, And a blew bed with the lyoun Curteynes, Couerled, blankettis, a peyre of shetis and<sup>20</sup> a gowne. Item y bequeth to Bartlet my seruau<sup>nt</sup>, xx s' and a gowne. Item I bequethe to Thomas Bisshoptre, xl s'. Item y bequethe to Thomas Gylbert, xl s'. Item I bequethe to Iohn Gardyner, xxvj s', viij d, and a Riding gowne with the hode. Item y bequethe to sir<sup>24</sup> William Iulyan, xij mark for to syng for me with a special Colett. Item y bequethe to Iohn of the kechyn, vj s' viij d, And to be new arayd. Item y bequethe to Iohn Wylkynsone of the kechyn, vj s' viij d, and his wages beyng be-hynde. Item y bequeth to Richard<sup>28</sup> Bamvile, xiiij s'. viij d. Item to Iohn Wichard, vj s' viij d. Item to Iohn Wemme, xiiij s'. iiij d. Item to Thomas, Thomas my Cooke,

<sup>1</sup> ? for 'tarteryn, tartaryn,' a kind of silk.

<sup>2</sup> See Sir Ralph Rochefort's Latin Testament abuv, p. 120.

<sup>3</sup> Compare in Shakspeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, V. i. 124-5, "Sir, you shall present before her the Nine Worthies." And Doll's opinion of Falstaffe: "thou art as valorous as Hector of Troy, woorth fwe of Agamemnon, and ten times better than the nine Worthies."—2 *Hen. IV*, II. iv. 236-9. Quarto 1.

<sup>4</sup> leaf 79.

oweth me xx s', the whiche y pardon and foryeve hym. Item  
y bequethe xl s' euenly to be departyd bytwene Iohn Saymour, to  
Iohn Meryco, and William Clere. And all myne other goodes what-  
4 so-euer they fortune to be, in valour, dettis, and all after my dettis  
well and truly payed, myn expenses and costes funerau done, and all  
my bequestes comprysed in this my testament fulfilled & performed,  
And yf they may suffice ther-to, for to fynde a preest able and  
8 honest of conuersacyon, and of good rule, to syng for me in  
the forseide chapel of new edefied, atte awter ther, be vij yere. And  
ellys yf my seide goodes, Residues, and dettis may not suffice ther-to,  
than y wul that myn Executours, be ther good discrecons, modere  
12 and modefyne suche thynggis as ys set and lymet afore, For it is not  
myne entent to charche hem eny ferther than my goodes wil strecche  
to and suffice. The whiche myn Executours y ordeyne and name,  
Richard Sturgeon, Iohn Sturgeon thelder, Thomas Frowyk, son of  
16 harry Frowyk, and Thomas Ryke. And to euerych of hem y  
bequethe C s'. Into the witnessyng of whiche thyng, to this present  
my testament y haue set my seale: y-youen at london the day and  
yere aboueseide. / *Probatum fuit dictum testamentum coram Commis-*  
20 *sario predicto, octauo die Mensis Iunii, Anno Domini predicto. Et*  
*commissa est administracio omnium bonorum &c. Iohanni Sturgeon,*  
*Thome Frowyk, & Thome Ryke, executoribus in dicto testamento*  
*nominatibz &c. Reseruata potestas Ricardo Sturgeon &c Et dimissi*  
24 *sunt, &c.*

[Other English wills in *Rous*.

	A.D.
lf. 78, Wylliam <i>Cressener</i> ,	1454.
„ 89 bk., Thomas <i>Morstede</i> (long),	1450.
„ 108, John Knight,	1442.
„ 118 bk., John Hotoft,	1443.
„ 146, Rich <sup>d</sup> . Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, 1437, prov'd 1439.]	

## NOTES.

p. 3, l. 10. *a serteyn* (weekly allowance). This expression occurs in 3 later wills in the Probate Registry, from Worsted, Norfolk, as meaning, in one case a sum of money; in two others, a religious service:—

John GLAVEYN (Worsted, Norfolk), in his Will, A.D. 1505 (42 Holgrave), refers to a “perpetual *serteyn*” which was assigned by the Will of one Thos. Glaveyn, “that is to say, iiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to be distribute to xij powre persons on seynt Brices day.”

John BUBGH (Worsted, Norfolk), in his Will, A.D. 1496 (31 Vox), says: “I bequeith xxx<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> for to have a *certeyn* rehersed in the church . . . by the prest or Curate . . . fore my soule and my frendes soules during the terme of vij yeres.”

John BOLT, by his Will, A.D. 1499 (39<sup>p</sup> Horne), bequeaths money “pro uno le *certeyne* celebrando” in the church of Worsted (Norfolk).

p. 4. *Lady Alice West*: she was the daughter of Reginald Fitz-Piers, and Widow of Sir Thomas West, knight, who died 3 Sept. 1386.—J. H. Round.

p. 4, l. 5. *Hynton Marcel*: Hinton Martel, Badbury Hundred, Dorset.—J. H. R.

p. 4, l. 11. *Thomas, my sone*: Sir Thomas West, knight, summoned to Parliament, 21 June, 1402.—J. H. R.

p. 5, l. 1. *Costers*. These were also used in Churches: “*Costers*. A name given to hangings for the sides of an altar or choir.”—Pugin.

p. 5, l. 3. *A Widow's Wedding to God*. p. 60, l. 24; p. 61, l. 5: *And if she take þe mantel and þe rynge, and auowe chastite*.—The form of the Ceremony—*Benedictio Vidue*—is given in the *Liber Pontificalis* of Edmund Lacy, Bp. of Exeter (appointed A.D. 1420<sup>1</sup>), ed. R. Barnes, 1847, p. 122-6. Between the Epistle and Gospel, the Widow kneeling during Service, before the Bishop (who sits on a faldstool), is askt whether she wishes to be the spouse of Christ, and give up the lusts of the flesh. She then puts in the Bp.'s hands the following Profession:

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<sup>1</sup> He was with Hen. V. at Agincourt in 1415, as Dean of the Chapel Royal.

'I. N., Wedow, avoue to God perpetuell chastite of my body from henceforward, and in the presence of the honorable fadyr in God, my Lord N., by the grace of God, Bishop of N., I promytt stabilly to leve in the Church, Wedow. And this to do, of myne own hand, I subscribe this wrytyng. (And after, let her make the sign of the Cross.)"

The Bishop then prays, and blesses the Mantle and puts it on the Widow. Then he blesses the Ring, sprinkles it with holy water, and puts it, as the sign of her marriage to Christ, on the Widow's finger, saying :

"Accipe, famula Christi, anulum, fidei signum, connubii indicium, quem devota deferas, casta custodias, quoad amplexus divini sponsi coronanda pervenias. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Oremus."

He says 3 Prayers accordingly, and the matter is ended. Miss Mary Lambert kindly referd me to this *Pontifical*.

p. 5, l. 13. *bokes of latyn, english, and frensch*. Compare the earliest bequests of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and *Boece* known to Mr. Challenor Smith in John Brinchele's Will, 1420 (Commissary Court of London, More, lf. lxiiiij<sup>o</sup>, back) :—

July 4, 1420. "Ego, Johannes Brynchele, Ciuis & Cissor Londonie . . . .

Item relaxo et condono Johanni Broune totum illud debitum in quo michi tenetur de meis bonis proprijs. Et volo quod habeat illum librum vocatum Boecius de Consolacione Philosophie in latinis, quem habui pro vadio Alterius libri Angliam,<sup>1</sup> vocati Boecius de Consolacione Philosophie. Item lego David Fyvyan, Rectori ecclesie sancti Benedicti Fynke supradicti, vt sit superuisor presentis testamenti mei, vj s' viij d, et vnum librum in Anglicis vocatum Boecium de Consolacione Philosophie. Item lego Willelmo Holgrave, vt sit vnus executorum meorum, vj s' viij d, et optimum Arcum meum, et librum meum vocatum Tals of Caunterbury" . . . .

Will proovd, "xiiij kalendarum Septembris, Anno domini M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xx<sup>mo</sup>."

p. 5, l. 21. *Chales*. "*Chalice*. The vessel in which the sacred Blood of our Lord is consecrated."—Pugin.

p. 5, l. 22 ; 76/4. "*Crewetts*, small vessels of glass or metal, to contain the wine and water intended for consecration at the Altar. . . . The body of the crewetts should be made of crystal, glass, or some transparent substance to enable the celebrant to distinguish readily between the wine and water . . although . . . in the old English inventories they [the crewetts] are generally described as of silver, whole or parcel gilt."—Pugin, Gloss. of *Ecol. Ornament*. The difference was no doubt markt by the differing shapes of the 2 crewetta. Even the two crystal ones engraved in *Pugin* are of different size and shape.

p. 10, 4th line of heading. *for Helmdon read Hillingdon*.

p. 10, last line of footnote, *read* "Hillingdon is 14 m. W. of Hyde Park Corner, 1½ m. S.E. of Uxbridge Station."

p. 10, note 2. *Illustrated London News* : of Dec. 27, 1873.

p. 11, l. 18. *for Helmdon read Helindon*.

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<sup>1</sup> † Anglici.

p. 14, l. 4, *for huius read huiusmodi*; l. 6, *for venerunt read venerint*.

p. 15, l. 12; 17/3, &c. *Deryge be note. (Placebo.)* Vespers for the dead were "known by the term 'Placebo,' because such is the first word of that service, the anthem before the first psalm being 'Placebo Domino in regione vivorum,'<sup>1</sup> Mortuary solemnities always began with even-song in the afternoon; on the early morrow, matins and lauds were chanted, after which Mass was sung." . .

"As the first anthem at matins commenced with '*Dirige*' . . . the whole of the morning's service, including the Mass, came to be designated a '*Dirige*' or '*Dirge*.'"—Rock, *Church of our Fathers*, II., 503.—M. L.

p. 15, l. 12. *Masse of Requiem.* In the Rom.-Cath. *Office and Masses for the Dead*, 1853, the 'Requiem' (Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis<sup>2</sup>) occurs thrice in 'The Mass for all the Faithful departed,' p. 65—71.

p. 16, l. 20, *percyd.*—The copy of this Will of Robert Averay in *Brown* (C. C. London), leaf 200 back, reads 'partyd.'

p. 17, l. 24.—The copy in *Brown*, lf. 200 bk, has the record of Proof more fully thus:

Probatum est hoc testamentum coram nobis Iacobo Cole clerico, Commisario &c. iij. kalendarum Iunii, Anno domini M<sup>i</sup> CCCC<sup>mo</sup> xj. Et Commissa est administracio omnium honorum Executoribus in dicto testamento nominatis, & admissa per eosdem in forma iuris. Et ij<sup>o</sup> Idus Iulij, Anno supradicto, commissi fuit administracio omnium bonorum dicte Iohanne Executrici nuper ab intestato decedenti, Executori supradicto.

p. 18. *William Langeford, Knt.* Knight of the Shire for Berks, 17 R. II. and 5 H. IV., and Sheriff of Berks and Oxford, 6 H. IV., died 13 H. IV. (Sept. 1411-12: Esch. 13 H. IV. n. 32). He held one-third of the Manor of Mendysdene (now Minsden) in Hitchin, co. Herts, *in capite*, in right of his wife Anne, daughter and coheirress of John de Beverlée of Hitchin (Esch. 4 Rich. II. n. 11). As his widow's name was Lucy, she would seem to have been his second wife, and probably the mother of the younger sons mentioned in the will.

p. 19, l. 1. *Robert myn heldest son.* Robert Langeford, Knt., son and heir (Claus, 10 H. VI. m. 6), aged 22 in 13 H. IV. (Sept. 1411-12: Esch. 13 H. IV. n. 32), died 7 H. V. (March, 1419-20: Esch. 7 H. V.).

p. 19, l. 13. *my lady lovell.* Alianore, daughter of William Lord Zouche of Haryngworth, and wife of Sir John Lovell, Baron Lovell and Holand.

p. 19, l. 27. *Schyffeld, Burfeld, and Sulhamstade Abbis.* Shivefield,

<sup>1</sup> See 'The Office and the Masses for the Dead, with the *Order of Burial*: from the Roman Breviary, Missal, and Ritual. In Latin and English . . London: T. Jones, 63, Paternoster Row, Catholic Publisher, 1853.' p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

Burfield, and Sulhamstead Abbots; are three parishes lying together in a line south of Reading.

p. 23, l. 1. *Canterie* should be *Cantarie*.

p. 23, l. 11. There's a Preston north of Hereford, but this Preston adjoins Little Marcle, as also do Putley and Ledbury. Woolhope, Sollers Hope, and Howcaple are west of Marcle; Aylton Chapel adjoins Putley; and Kempley and Dimock are in *Glo'stershire*, south of Marcle.—J. Horace Round.

p. 26. *Sir Thomas Broke*: knight, of Thornecombe, co. Devon, son and heir of Sir Thomas Broke, knt., of Ivelchester, co. Somerset, and father of Sir Thomas Broke of Cobham, whose will, 1438-9, is on pages 129-130 below.—J. H. R.

p. 27, l. 11. *Holdyok*: Holditch Manor in Thornecombe, Devon.—J. H. R.

p. 27, l. 12. *Cotteleygh*: Cottleigh near Thornecombe.—J. H. R.

p. 28, l. 1. *Iohane my wyfe*: Joan, 2nd daughter and coheirress of Simon Hanape of Co. Gloucester, and widow of Robert Chedder of the City of Bristol.—J. H. R.

p. 28, heading before l. 20. *for leaf 337 read leaf 329*.

p. 31, l. 10. *Wodehouse*. Woodhouse, Shropshire, E. of Oswestry.—Walker.

p. 33, l. 1, 4. *Chalices*. The *a* looks much like *i* in the MS.; but Mr. Challenor Smith reads it *a*.

p. 38, l. 32. *Bowdens, Sayres, Spengolds, &c.*—‘I am quite sure that Mr. Round’s answer to your query in *Notes and Queries* (Oct. 1882) about these names, is the correct one. The names are those of tenants of certain farms. A curious coincidence is to be found in the municipal business of Derby, just over. The two successful candidates for Babington ward were *Boden* and *Sayer*!’—Alfred Wallis, Friars Gate, Derby.

‘I have found a singular confirmation of my view of *Bowdens*, which I told you I believed to be the corruption of an owner’s name. The Irish named their townships as we do our farms, after the owners, adding “ton” after the name. I found a ‘*Bowdenston*’ in hunting through some Irish Chancery Records at the Record Office. *Sayer* was a well-known Essex name.’—J. H. Round.

p. 39, note 3. *Hadley* and *Eastwood* adjoin Lee.—J. H. R.

p. 46, l. 20. *tamsery*: probably *tamisery*, a made-up word from E. *tammy* = F. *estamine* (in Cotgrave), called *tamine* and *tammy* in English. Apparently confused with F. *tamis*, a sieve. Scheler, in treating of F. *tamis*, notices the Eng. *tammy*, but rightly remarks that *tammy* and F. *tamis* are totally unconnected. Probably from Lat. *stamen*: see *tammy* in my Dictionary. But this is all guesswork.—W. W. Skeat.

p. 47, l. 10. Weston Underwood, 2 miles w. of Olney, in Newport Hundred, co. Bucks.—J. H. R.



p. 47, l. 10. John Olney purchased lands in Weston, 4 Rich. II.; died 21 March, 1395. There is a brass to him in Weston Church.—J. H. R.

p. 49, l. 16, *a flat basyn*; p. 56, l. 5, *flat gilt peeces*. "A Wine-celler, with his Vessels and instruments . . . A flat peece, *Patera*, *rae*. A standing cup, *Crater ris*, *orara* [*? cratera*] *rae*, *calix*." 1608, Withals' *Diet.*, by W. Clerk, p. 179-180.

p. 50, l. 18. *The Pore Caitiff*. This is described in Lewis's *Life of Wiclif*, pp. 202-204. It is in 21 divisions. He gives the *incipit* of each. The tracts which make up the collection are often found separately.

p. 50, l. 21. *Cristy gray*. (I read it 'Crisly' first.) This 'Cristy grey' fur is often mentiond: see Hall's *Gloss*. I suppose it was some tufted, crest-like or plume-like fur. Fr. '*Creste*: f. A crest, cop, combe; also, a tuft, or little plume standing on the top of. *Cresté* . . . Crested, copped, adorned with a combe.'—*Cotgrave*.

p. 51, l. 4. *quayres*: sermons (or comments). 'Fyrst I shall beseeche you not to misconstrue myn entent, in puttyng forthe this *quære* to be printed, but that ye take it to the best.' 1532 (?). Bp. Fisher, *Sermon* or '*Epistole*.' Works, E. E. T. Soc., part II, (1883 ?) p. 429.

p. 54, l. 14. *William Kylwolmerssh, Clerke*. He was Treasurer of England, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. His Will, A.D. 1422, is at Lambeth.

p. 55. *Roger Flore*: Son of William Flower, *alias* Flore, Sheriff of Rutland 6 Ric. II. Was Knight of the Shire 20 Ric. II.; 1, 4, 6 Hen. IV.; 2 Hen. V.; and 1 Hen. VI.; and Speaker of the House of Commons. He was patron of the old Hospital of St. John and St. Anne in Oakham (called '*pe Almeshouse of Okeham*,' p. 62, l. 23-4), in right of his wife Catherine, daughter and heiress of William Dalby of Exton, its founder.—J. H. R.

p. 56, l. 3. *Thomas my sone*: Thomas Flore of Oakham, Esq., mar. Agnes, daughter and heiress of Peter Saltby of co. Linc. He was Sheriff of Rutland 9, 20, 29, 35 Hen. VI. and 5, 10 Ed. IV.; buried at Oakham 1483. This must have been a subsequent wife, not mentioned in the Flore pedigree.—H. R.

p. 57, l. 34; p. 120, l. 10. *my principal*. The *Principal* (sometimes calld Mortuary, Corse-present, or Foredrove) was the decest person's best horse, which followd the corpse at the funeral, and became the property of the priest. A survival of the custom may be seen at State funerals.

p. 57, l. 35. *Sir Herre Plesyngton*: Sir Henry Plessington, Knt., of Burley, co. Rutland (1 m. N.E. of Oakham), Knight of the Shire for Rutland 1 and 3 Hen. VI, and Sheriff 5 Hen. VI. He married a daughter of testator.—J. H. R.

p. 58, l. 14. *Westminster*: The Abbot of Westminster was Patron of Oakham.—J. H. R.

p. 58, l. 30. *hoc kook*. Perhaps Cokok : there are three or four early wills of men of that name.

p. 60, l. 30. *Mastorpe*. There's a Martinsthorpe in Rutlandshire.—H. R.

p. 62, l. 23. *De Almeshouse of Okeham* : This is the Hospital named in the note on p. 55, *Roger Flore*, p. 139, above.—J. H. R.

p. 65, l. 12. *Thomas Fawkys*. He was Rector of St. Bride's, Fleet St. See Newcourt's *Repertorium*, ii, 316.

p. 70, l. 25. *Laffarebrugge*. "*Laver*, the name of 3 contiguous parishes in Essex, lying between Harlow and Ongar, and distinguished by the appellations of *High*, *Magdalen*, and *Little*. They are about 21 miles N. by W. of London."—Walker's *Gazetteer*, 1801.

p. 71, l. 7. *A tumber like sire Thomas More* : Dean of St. Paul's, p. 71 ; p. 104, note 1 ; p. 105, note.

*Thomas Moor*, fellow of Pembroke Hall, Cambr. Treasurer to Anne, queen of Richard II, Preb. of Shipton in Salisbury Cathedral, 9 Nov. 1389 ; Preb. of Newington in St. Paul's, 6 June, 1391 ; Archdeacon of Colchester, 3 Nov. 1398. *Dean of St. Paul's*, Jan. 1406 ; d. 1421. Buried in a cloister on North side of St. Paul's, called *Pardon Churchyard*, where formerly stood a chapel said to have been founded by Gilbert Becket, who was buried there. (See p. 105, note, above.) It was rebuilt by this Thomas Moor, who obtained a License from Henry V to found a Chantry of Three Priests, but died before it could be accomplished. His executors, however, carried out the foundation, and his Obit was regularly kept on 23 December.—J. Horace Round.

p. 74, l. 2, 3. *De Cok and de Garlond in Colman-strete*.—No sign of this name occurs in Larwood and Hotten's *Hist. of Signboards*. There the fellows of the Cock, are the Anchor 212, Bear 212, Bell 211, Blackbird 202, Bottle 207, 211, Breeches 212, Bull 212, Crown 212, Dolphin 212, House 212, Key 471, Lion 151, Magpie 382, Pie 382, Pynot 383, Trumpet 211, and Swan 212.

p. 75, l. 17. *De come heed in Chepe*.—Probably the sign of some goldsmith's or other shop. The *Bull-hed* is mentioned by Hy. Machyn in 1560, as Larwood and Hotten note, *Hist. of Signboards*, p. 186 :

"The xij day of June dyd ryde in a care a-bowtt London ij men and iij women ; one man, for he was the bowd [bawd], and to brynge women unto strangers ; and on woman was the wyff of the Bell in Gracyous-strett, and anodur the wyff of the *Bull-hed* be-syd London stone, and boyth wher bawdes and hores ; and the thodur man and the woman wher brodur and syster, and wher taken nakyd."—Diary, p. 238. (Camden Soc. 1848.)

The Cow has these signs in the same Signboard book : Cow and Calf, 177 ; Cow and Hare, 449 ; Cow and Snuffers, 444 ; Cow and Two Calves, 177 ; Cow in Boots, 442 ; Cow Roast, 378 ; Cow's Face, 186.

p. 78, l. 19. *The Mermaid*.—"As early as the fifteenth century, it was one of the haunts of the pleasure-seeking Sir John Howard, whose trusty steward

records, anno 1464 :—'Paid for wyn at the Mermayd in Bred Stret, for my mastyr and Syr Nicholas Latimer, x d. ob.' [? Howard Household Books, Roxb. Club]. In 1603, Sir Walter Raleigh established a literary club in this house, doubtless the first in England. Among its members were Shakespeare, Ben Jonson, Beaumont and Fletcher, Selden, Carew, Martin, Donne, Cotton, &c. . . . There was another Mermaid in Cheapside, frequented by Jasper Mayne, and in the next reign by poet laureate, John Dryden. Mayne mentions it in 'The City Match' (1638) :—

'I had made an ordinary,  
Perchance at the Mermaid.'

"The sign was also used by printers. John Rastall, for instance, brother-in-law of Sir Thomas More, 'emprynted in the Cheapesyde at the sygne of the Meremayde, next to Poulysgate, in 1527;' and in 1576 a translation of the History of Lazarillo de Tormes, dedicated to Sir Thomas Gresham, was printed by Henry Binnemann, the queen's printer, in Knightrider Street, at the sign of the Mermaid."—Larwood and Hotten, *Hist. of Signboards*.

p. 80, l. 15. *quadringentesimo octauo*. Between these two words, *vicesimo* must have been left out by the copier. The Will is dated 1428, and was undoubtedly made in the year of the testator's death.

p. 82, l. 17. *Mynde. Month's Mind*. In the Rom.-Cath. *Office and Masses for the Dead*, 1853, there is a form of Mass 'for the third, seventh, or thirtieth day after the Decease,' p. 99-100, and another, on p. 100-102, for "the Anniversary of the Dead," the Year's Mind. The late guess that a 'Month's mind' meant a Memorial Service every day for a month, is mere nonsense, originating seemingly with Polidore Virgil and some Dictionary-makers. See my letter in *Notes and Queries*, about October, 1882.

p. 83, l. 1. *sir William Wright*, rector. See his Will in the Commissary Court of London, 1430-1.

p. 92, l. 17. *Westsmythfeld*. Smythfeld = Smeth (smooth) field. In the Will of J. Lughtburgh, Commissary Court, 1429, it is "*in plano Campo*."

p. 93, l. 21. *Monkes chireh*. Monken Hadley, now Hadley. "The manor belonged to the Mandevilles till the middle of the 12th cent., when it was alienated by Geoffrey de Mandeville to the Abbey of Walden—whence the designation *Monken* (or Monks') Hadley."—Thorne, *Environs of London*, i 265.

p. 114, l. 2. *Salve of our Lady*.—ANTIPHONS. "Another favourite devotion of our forefathers was the singing of antiphons in honour of our Lady.

"An antiphon or anthem derives its name from the custom of singing in alternate choirs; but the name is also given to certain short hymns, metrical or not, even when sung by one choir only. In the present Roman Breviary are four antiphons in honour of the Blessed Virgin, to be said at the different seasons of the year, at the conclusion of certain parts of the office. They begin respectively with the words, 'Alma Redemptoris Mater,' 'Ave Regina

cœlorum,' 'Regina cœli lætare,' and '*Salve Regina*.'<sup>1</sup> They were first introduced into the Roman Breviary in 1520, but were used by the Franciscans from the year 1249. (*Merati in Gavantum*, tom. iii. p. 215.) Antiphons in honour of the Blessed Virgin were ordered to be sung at the end of Complin by a general chapter of the Benedictines held at Northampton in 1444, 'in order before sleep to implore *her* help by whom the serpent's head was crushed.' This was only a renewal of a more ancient decree.

"The singing of antiphons soon became a favourite devotion with priests and people, even apart from the office, and foundations were made, and even confraternities instituted, for this purpose. The music seems to have been sometimes very elaborate, since we find such notices as the following. 'At the abbey of Evesham, chaplains are to be assigned to our Lady's altar, skilled in her antiphons.'"<sup>2</sup>—p. 168.

<sup>1</sup> *From First Vespers of Trinity Sunday to Advent.*

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiæ ;	Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy ;
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.	Our life, our sweetness, and our
	hope, all hail.
Ad te clamamus, exules filii Hevæ ;	To thee we cry, poor banished sons of
	Eve ;
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes	To thee we sigh, weeping and mourn-
in hac lacrymarum valle.	ing in this vale of tears.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,	Therefore, O our Advocate,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos	Turn thou on us those merciful eyes
converte ;	of thine ;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ven-	And after this our exile, shew us
tris tui,	
Nobis post hoc exilium ostende,	Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb,
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo	O merciful, O kind, O sweet Virgin
Maria.	Mary.
V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Geni-	V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of
trix.	God.
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus	R. That we may be made worthy of
Christi.	the promises of Christ.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Omnipotens, sempiterna Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancto co-operante, præparasti ; da ut cujus commemoratione lætamur, ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis et a morte perpetua liberemur. Per eundem Christum, &c.

Almighty, everlasting God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of Mary, glorious Virgin and Mother, to become the worthy habitation of thy Son ; grant that we may be delivered from instant evils and from everlasting death by her gracious intercession, in whose commemoration we rejoice. Through the same Christ, &c.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

V. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

R. Amen.

<sup>2</sup> Tindall's *Evesham*, p. 112.

"Henry VI., the founder of King's College, Cambridge, and of Eton, prescribes in the statutes, 'That every day of the year, at a fitting hour of the evening, all the choristers of our royal college, together with the master in chant, shall enter the church at the sound of a bell, which shall be always rung except on Holy Thursday or Good Friday; and these wearing surplices and ranged around a statue of the Blessed Virgin, with the candles lighted,<sup>1</sup> shall sing solemnly and to the very best of their skill an antiphon of the Blessed Virgin with the verse "Ave Maria," &c., and the prayer "Meritis et precibus," &c."

..... "The evening antiphon seems to have occupied with our Catholic forefathers almost the same place that is now filled by the evening Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—a form of devotion not then established."

"By the statutes for the collegiate church of Whittington College, London, it is ordained that even on ferial days, throughout the year, about or after sunset, when the poor labourers and those who live near the church are giving up work and business, when there is no reasonable hindrance, the chaplains, clerks, and choristers of the college who are at home, after the ringing of a small bell set apart for that office, shall meet in the chapel of St. Mary in the said church, and there sing to the honour of our Saviour and His Mother an antiphon with versicles and prayer.<sup>2</sup> To keep up this custom many guilds were established. Stow<sup>3</sup> tells us of one such called the 'Salve,' in St. Magnus' Church, near London Bridge, which was flourishing in A.D. 1343. Certain citizens, 'of their great devotion to the honour of God and His glorious Mother, our Lady Mary the Virgin, began and caused to be made a chauntry to sing an anthem to our Lady called "*Salve Regina*" every evening; and thereon ordained five burning wax lights at the time of the said anthem, in honour of the five principal joys of our Lady aforesaid . . . and thereupon many other good people of the parish . . . proffered to be aiders to support the said lights, and the said anthem to be continually sung, paying every person every week a halfpenny.'" . . . "To many of my readers will have already occurred the memory of Chaucer's beautiful picture of the village school and of the boys learning to sing our Lady's antiphon . . . but before giving it, I will translate from the works of St. Peter Celestine the original tale which Chaucer has developed."—pp. 169, 170.

[Here follows St. Peter Celestine's Tale, which Father Bridgett says is at least a century older than that of Chaucer.]

"One more illustration of the popular use of antiphons I may mention; for though insignificant in itself, it is associated with an honoured name. It seems that the street-singers appealed to Christian piety and charity by these popular hymns. In allusion to this custom, Sir Thomas More, after resigning the chancellorship, called together his family, and telling them that they would

<sup>1</sup> "Many bequests occur of candles to be lighted during the *salve*."—*Pietas Mariana Britannica*. By Edmund Waterton, F.S.A. London: 1879. p. 139.

<sup>2</sup> Quoted by Dr. Rock, vol. iii. p. 278. <sup>3</sup> *Survey of London*, vol. i. p. 495.

still live together, though they would have to reduce their expenditure, added merrily, that if it came to the worst, 'may we yet with bags and wallets go a-begging together, and hoping that for pity some good folks will give us their charity, at every man's door to sing *Salve Regina*, and so still keep company and be merry together.'"<sup>1</sup>—*Our Lady's Dowry*. By Rev. T. E. Bridgett. (London : 1875.) p. 173.

[Fr. Bridgett gives an old English version of the *Salve Regina* about 1400.]  
—M. L.

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<sup>1</sup> Roper's *Life of More*.

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*Manton*, 53/26; *Howey, R.*, 55/8. 'Manton, a parish in the hundred of Martinsley, co. Rutland, 3½ miles S.E. of Oakham, its post town, and 3 N.E. of Uppingham. It is a station on the Syston and Peterborough branch of the Midland railway. The parish, which is of ancient date, is situated between the rivers Gwash and Chater, and formerly belonged to Clugny Abbey. It had a *chantry*, founded by William Wade in Edward III's time, the revenue of which, at the Dissolution, was valued at £22 18s. 6d.'—Nicholson's *National Gazetteer*.

*Bradgate* or *Broadgate Park*, an extra-parochial district in the western division of the hundred of Goscote, in the co. of Leicester, 5 m. to the N.W. of Leicester. It is on the border of Charnwood Forest . . . (and was) the birthplace of Lady Jane Grey, in 1537. (Hamilton's *National Gazetteer*. Virtue and Co. 1878.) The Earl of Stamford and Warrington is now lying ill there. *Fishers Green*, Essex, is about 2 miles N. of Waltham Abbey and 1 m. E. of Cheshunt.

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